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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

April 15 Pizza Meeting, Roundhead's of Lombard - See page 4.

April 26 Day at the Races, Hawthorne. See Page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 6 38th Annual Corvette Show & Swap, Bill Jacobs Chevrolet, Joliet, 8:00 - 3:00. Spectators \$5.00

April 25-27 37th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$8, Parking \$3.

April 27 31st Annual Chrysler Club car show & swap meet, 8 am - 2 pm, Larry Roesch Chrysler, Elmhurst. Swap meet admission \$3.

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Attention Members

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family on April 15 to Roundhead's in Lombard – see Page 5 for details.

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MEETINGS

8:00 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

The calendar tells us that it's already spring, but I'm not sure I believe it. Fortunately, I was able to escape the cold and spend a few days in southern California this past week during my daughters' spring break. Our trip included a stop at the Petersen Automotive Museum in LA, which was quite a collection to behold. But, my favorite thing (and my daughters' too) was visiting Disneyland's California Adventure Park and spending time in the Route 66-themed replica of Radiator Springs from the Disney-Pixar movie "Cars".



Thinking back to last month, I would like to thank Charlie Kaiser for once again hosting another successful Pioneer Turners Luncheon. We had a good turnout of V-8ers who enjoyed their corned beef sandwiches and potato pancakes. Additionally, I thank Ron Steck for hosting our Eggs & Eights breakfast at Egg Harbor Café in Geneva. As usual, a good time was had by all and it was great to see new member Mark Hume and a few Early V-8s there. Lastly, those of you who missed our monthly meeting missed John Scheve's very informative and hands-on discussion on rebuilding Model A steering boxes.

As we look to April, I first want to point out that we will not hold our monthly meeting at its normal Arlington Heights location. Instead, we will be meeting at Roundheads in Lombard for our annual Pizza Meeting. For only \$11, you get all the pizza and soft drinks you want. So, please be sure to join us at Roundheads on Tuesday, April 15th. Also, Ron Blum is hosting the exciting Day at the Races event at the Hawthorn Race Track on Saturday the 26th. Please RSVP to Ron if you plan on attending.

I would also like to welcome Bill Grams back into the club. Bill is a returning member and has a vast collection of Early Fords and other collector cars.

On a final note, I thank everyone who came out to the services for Sue Dopke. Our thoughts and sympathies are with her husband Ron and her family. Sue will be greatly missed by all.

Scott Gilday, NIRG President

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

You are Invited to Join Your V-8 Friends As The Northern Illinois Regional Group

Presents

“A Day At The Races” At Hawthorne Race Course

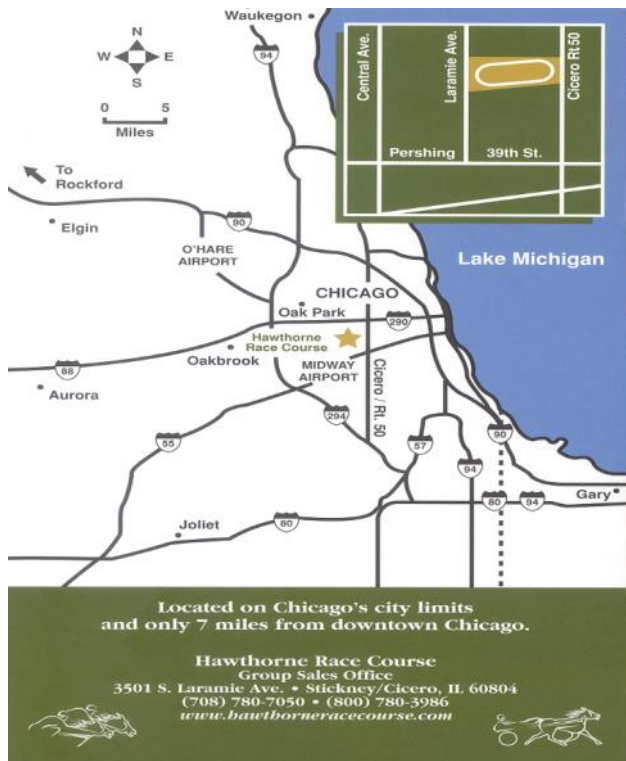
Saturday, April 26

Featuring Four \$100,000 Added Stakes Events

**Parking, Admission, Race Program, Buffet,
Race Dedication, Photo, Tax and Gratuity
\$25.00 per person**

Premium Buffet 12:30 pm in Gold Cup Dining Room, Second Floor

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MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Don't miss the Pizza Meeting • Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm



Same Location as Last Year

Roundhead's of Lombard
275 W Roosevelt Rd
Lombard, IL



\$11 per person - includes ALL U CAN EAT pizza, soft drinks, tax and tip .
Cash bar. Spouses and guests are welcome!

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 our cars - if the weather
is nice, consider bringing your Early V-8.



Northern Illinois Regional Group #8 Invites You to Join Your V-8 Friends for V-8ing Joy in Illinois The 2014 Central National Meet August 19 - 22, 2014

Honoring the 1939 Ford and the Introduction of the Mercury

- Tour the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- See Lincoln's Home and Other Historical Sites
- View the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Dana Thomas House
- Driving Tour: Get Your Kicks on Route 66

Swap Meet • Welcome Party • Cruise-In • Ladies Luncheon • Awards Banquet

Register Today! Forms and More Information at www.2014cnm.org

Contact Co-Chairs Ken & Carolyn Bounds at 630-858-9474 or 2014cnm@nirgv8.org

Pioneer Turners Luncheon By Ken Bounds

On March 8, twelve NIRG members enjoyed the annual Pioneer Turners Luncheon at Café Prague in Chicago. Our host, Charles Kaiser, is the President of the Pioneer Turners and invited our group to join the Turners at their luncheon. There was a festive atmosphere at the Café, decorated for St. Patrick's Day, as we were served the traditional lunch of a delicious corned beef sandwich, accompanied by potato pancakes. After lunch Charles pulled door prize tickets out of his hat and awarded some interesting bottled beverages to several lucky winners, included some from our group. This was followed by the W C Fields movie *If I Had a Million*.

In addition to a good-sized crowd from the Turners organization, those participating from the NIRG were our host Charles Kaiser, Ken Bounds, Earl & Gene Heintz, John Judge, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, and George & Dawn Zulas. Thanks go out to Charles for arranging a delightful event.



Our host, Charles



Este, John, & Dan



John, Earl, & Gene



Dawn, George, Frank, & Phyllis



Enjoying the luncheon

Eggs & Eights Breakfast By Ken Bounds

On Sunday, March 30, we finally forgot about the harsh winter and got together for breakfast at Egg Harbor Café in Geneva. Twenty-three V-8ers brought out five Early V-8s on a sunny Sunday morning. The high temperature of 56° seemed like a heat wave after a month of below-average temperatures.

It was a real treat to see so many happy faces. It was also our first chance to meet in person our newest member, Mark Hume. Mark's wife Denise was not able to attend; we hope to meet her soon at another club event. Great to meet you Mark!

We thank Ron Steck for arranging this event this year. We missed Tom & Judy Buscaglia, who have arranged Eggs & Eights in prior years. It seems they have escaped to a nicer climate this year.

Those attending were our host Ron Steck, President Scott Gilday, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, John Emmering, Mark Hume, Roger Hunz, John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Joey Novak & Millie Olds, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, John & Barb Slobodnik, and Larry & Jerry Webb.

Egg Harbor Café is a very busy place on a Sunday morning, but we had plenty of room this year at a long table to accommodate our entire group. The service was attentive and prompt and the food was delicious. We had time for plenty of enjoyable



Our host Ron, John, Este, & new member Mark



President Scott, Ron & Arlene



Diane, Dan, Jerry, & Larry



Gary, Dawn, Millie, & Joey

conversation before our food arrived and during the meal. We even had a chance to sell a meet gearshift knob and some raffle tickets. But with the number of people lining up for tables, we had to cut our stay short after eating.

With several Early V-8s parked out on the street it was time to check the cars out. Those bringing Flatheads were Ken & Carolyn Bounds - '50 Crestliner, John Emmering - '51 Fordor, Mark Hume - '38 Standard Coupe, Roger Hunz - '51 Tudor, and John & Este Scheve - '47 Coupe. Roger left before we started taking pictures, so we didn't get a shot of his '51.

While the ladies were happy to discuss planning for the Central National Meet and other important matters, the guys seemed more content with sticking their heads under hoods. Of particular interest was checking out Mark's '38 Standard. He told us briefly about how his dad had acquired the car and wanted to give it the look of a '50s era hot rod. He did a good job! Of course most of us were pleased to find a mildly modified flathead under the hood with Offenhauser heads, a 4-bbl carburetor, and other period modifications. The car retains the original suspension and driveline.

We were quite fortunate to have one of the nicest days of the year to date for this gathering. It was really enjoyable to get the cars out after a winter that never wanted to end. Thanks to everyone who came out and made this a fun day.



Roger, John, John, & Frank



Barb & John



Mark's '38 Standard Coupe



V-8s in the parking lot

FROM THE EDITORS

KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS

Celebrating our 100th Issue

How could a thing like this happen? No, this is not our annual April Fools joke. It just doesn't seem possible that last December we completed our 8th year of publishing the Road Chatter, making this our 100th issue! In the latter part of 2005, then NIRG President Ron Dopke surprised everyone at a Board meeting by reading a letter from long-time Road Chatter Editor Diane Wrobel that she wished to retire at the end of the year. Ken was on the Board at the time and came home with the bombshell news: the Northern Illinois group needed a new editor.

We immediately kicked around the idea of taking over the following year. There were so many questions, but we knew that if we published the newsletter, we would make some changes. The Road Chatter had been put together by the cut & paste method; using and supporting computers for a living, we knew we would do it on a computer. The Road Chatter had always been black & white; we wanted to determine if color printing was feasible or even affordable. What software would we use? Could we get enough articles? Would we use the existing process of pre-printed covers, or create a new system? We discussed all these issues extensively on a Thanksgiving drive to Missouri.

We realized that we already had a great software program that could produce the newsletter, Microsoft Publisher. But what about getting it printed? We learned very quickly that color copying was far too expensive. What about printing in house? We researched and found very few color printers available that could print on tabloid size (11x17) paper. We decided to splurge and buy a refurbished Xerox 7750 color laser printer and told President Dopke that we would take the job!

On November 29, 2005, we had our first draft of the "new" Road Chatter together. By mid-December we had our first photo of the month and our first article about a member's car when Joey Novak provided us the details of *A Man and His Truck*. And on December 29, 2005, we printed our first edition, 12 pages in full color. Before that issue went in the mail, we must have proofread it a dozen times. We really wanted to get it right. When we received the note shown on the right from Diane Wrobel, we knew we had done OK.

Publishing the Road Chatter is sometimes fun, sometimes tedious, and sometimes frustrating when we struggle to get input from our members (hint, hint). But when an issue is complete, printed, and on its way, it is always rewarding. We have been honored with many awards over the past eight years, including first place in the Early Ford V-8 Club newsletter competition five times, along with a second and a fifth. Old Cars Weekly has bestowed six Golden Quill awards on the Road Chatter. But the best reward is striving to provide our members with useful information about Club activities and our members' interests.

Over the years there have been a few changes. When the Road Chatter was 12 pages, we folded it twice. When we expanded to 16-20 pages, we found it easier (and less wrinkly) to fold it only once to 8½ x 11



Our first issue, January 2006



FROM THE EDITORS

KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS

size and changed the format slightly to accommodate. Perhaps the biggest change came about in December 2008 when we first tested delivery of the Road Chatter via e-mail to 8 members. Today one-third of our members receive the Road Chatter by e-mail.

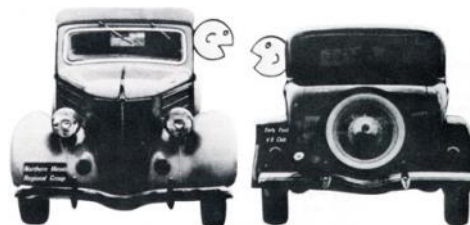
Creating the Road Chatter in Microsoft Publisher is not difficult, once you are used to it. What is difficult is coming up with content. Providing details about upcoming tours and events is automatic, as are write-ups of completed events. Where we would really like to receive more input from members falls into three categories: stories about you and your vehicles (how you got them, what you have done with them, etc.); tech tips; and contributions for the V-8 Gals page. In the past eight years we have published 22 stories about members vehicles, not including Part 1 of 2 appearing in this issue for which we are very grateful to Tom O'Donnell. We sure would like to see more. Our members have over 125 Early V-8s - surely there are stories about a few of them. We will be glad to help you put your article together. We are also especially grateful to John Emmering for his series of articles about Midwest hoodlums and their affinity for V-8 Fords.

We have streamlined printing over the past few years. In 2009 we had a serious problem with our first printer, so we upgraded it to a Xerox 7760 which should last us a long time. After folding and stapling way too many newsletters, we got lazy and added a "booklet maker" which folds and saddle-stiches the Road Chatter. The printer is very fast. Using "mail merge", each newsletter is individually printed with the member's name and address, folded, and stapled. The entire issue is complete in about an hour. Then we apply mailing seals and stamps and we are ready to go.



Our 100th issue is just the latest in a long journey for the Road Chatter. In February 1969, 18 months after the Northern Illinois Group received its charter, the first newsletter was distributed. Leroy Deneau was shown as the editor, but the newsletter was really put together by club Secretary Ron Dopke. Over the next four years, sporadic issues were published as club activities dictated. Then, in 1973 full time publication began. Ron continued as newsletter editor, publishing 86 issues, until he submitted his resignation in May 1978. Diane Wrobel, wife of then President Chuck Wrobel, had helped Ron get a few issues out and officially became newsletter editor in June 1978.

Through all this time, the club newsletter had been called, simply enough, The Newsletter. But some other regional groups had spiffy names for their newsletters; so in May 1979 Diane announced a newsletter naming contest. The winner was 1977 NIRG President Ray Tognarelli. His suggestion, Road Chatter, remains with us today, along with the logo you see in each issue, with the two Early V-8s stopping to chat along the road. You have to look very closely to see that the license plate on the '36 Cabriolet, left, says "Northern Illinois Regional Group" while the one on the '33 or '34 on the right says "Early Ford V-8 Club."



Diane put out an amazing 331 issues over her 27½ years as Road Chatter editor, picking up many awards along the way, including two first place (see page 15). Diane, you had better not look over your shoulder - we are coming after you. Only 221 more issues to go!

Ken & Carolyn

My Search for a 1953 Mercury

By Tom O'Donnell

When I got out of the Army in 1956, I bought a 53 Mercury. It was a 2 toned green Monterey Fordor sedan with overdrive, power brakes and power steering. It also had the optional windshield washers, heater and radio with rear seat speaker. The car had almost 85,000 miles on it but ran like new and was in very good condition. The car was used for our honeymoon. It was a very comfortable car and we both have good memories of it. I traded it in on a 1961 Comet. One of the mechanics at the dealership bought it and still drove it in 1974 when I bought my Capri. By then it had very serious rust problems in the rear quarters and the rear doglegs.

When I was in California in the 80's, I saw a couple of nice 53 Mercurys and thought that I would look for one for me. It had to have the power steering, as I could always find the parts for the power brakes and other accessories. There were a lot of Mercurys in CA that had a 302 and a C4 trans with rack and pinion power steering. I did not care for that configuration, I preferred stock. As I was looking I became aware that there were very few Mercurys with power steering from the factory, so I decided to give up my search.

In 2003 I was in Dearborn and saw an identical car, except that it had the Merc-O-Matic. I approached the owner about selling it and he declined to accept any offers as he had just purchased it after a 20 year search. I told Madeleine about it and she said that I should look for another. That's when I found out that the 53 Mercury was a desirable hot rod or a base for customizing.

These cars were liked by the tin-worm and most of them showed signs of repairs in the rear quarters. When I would find what looked like a nice Fordor, the engine had been removed and a crate engine had been stuffed in the engine compartment. The prices for the Fordors ranged from \$5,000 for a rusty one like the one in Fig. 3 to \$20,000 for a fully customized sedan. The Sport coupes ranged from \$15,000 for one in poor condition to \$35,000 in nice condition.

I looked at a Montana car in Rockford that was supposed to be rust free. The rust was free, but the car was expensive. The mice had made rags out of the upholstery and when I reached under the rear fender to check for rust, my finger found no metal in the inner fender. There was no motor or transmission and it was bargain priced at \$4,995. There were chunks missing from the steering wheel.



Figure 1 Ad for a car just like the one that I owned



Figure 2 Nice original California car



Figure 3 Fordor with 302 & rust



Figure 4 Montana car

I started to look at the Sport Coupes as they seemed to be in better condition for the money. Again I found that there were more customized ones available than stock. I started to look at them to see if I could find one with automatic transmission and power steering. When I would find one, it had either a rat engine or a 302 like the example in Fig. 5. A lot of them had been painted a red color for resale. Neither Madeleine nor I wanted a red colored car. We preferred a green, blue, tan or cream in that order.

There was a cream colored Sport Coupe at a Mecum auction. The description said the chrome was thin and the doors were hard to close. It had an Overdrive and sold for \$22,000. There was a nice blue Fordor at the auction also. After a further examination of the car, it was friendly. (It waved to you as you went by). It sold for \$18,000 with an OD transmission and no power steering.

I saw what looked to be a presentable 53 Lincoln at a "Classic" car dealer in Palatine. After I took a good look and had someone check out the mechanicals, I found that it was basically a 60 footer with dents in the roof, and a wrong carburetor that was leaking gas all over the engine. That got me interested in Lincolns for a while. I saw an ad for a nice tan car in Georgia with air conditioning. It was priced as a No. 1 car, but the dealer said he would accept offers.

I contacted an appraiser in Florida to do a pre-purchase inspection. It was a very thorough report and gave a good description of the car's good and bad points. All of the stainless needed attention, most of the chrome needed to be redone and the paint was in poor condition. I made an offer on the car based on Old Cars Price guide of a No. 3 car, as this car fell into the No. 4 category. The dealer refused the offer, so I passed and basically gave up on finding a nice 53 Mercury or Lincoln that would meet my requirements.

On my birthday last fall, I was looking at the classified ads on the Early Ford V-8 Club's site and found a 38,000 mile 1953 Sport Coupe for sale. I mentioned it to Madeleine and she told me to explore the car further and see if I wanted to buy it. I contacted the owner and he gave me a complete description of the car. It still sounded too good to be true, so I hired an appraiser from North Carolina to do a pre-purchase inspection. He fell in love with the car and missed some of the problems that the owner had told me about. I decided to fly down and inspect the car myself. It turned out to be a very nice car and the owner had the history of the car from new. Next month, I will show pictures of the car and the history that I received from the owner.



Figure 5 Sport Coupe with 302



Figure 6 Friendly Fordor



Figure 7 Cream Sport Coupe



Figure 8 Georgia Lincoln

MARCH 18 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Scott reminded everyone to not come to the regular meeting place for the April meeting; it will be our annual Pizza Meeting at Roundheads of Lombard at 7:30 pm, April 15. Details will be in the Road Chatter. Scott also advised that the May 20 member meeting will start at 7:30 pm and members can bring their cars to the parking lot by 7:00 pm for some "Tire Kicking". Scott asked for a show of hands from the members to see if they would prefer the member meetings start 30 minutes earlier from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A large majority approved by a show of hands.



Scott introduced guest Peter Spiros. Peter said he is from Park Ridge and has had a '53 Ford Customline for about 30 years that needs a lot of work.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds said that membership currently stands at 81. Ken said that Bill Grams from Volo Museum has rejoined our club. Bill is planning to trailer Lloyd Duzell's newly restored '39 Ford to our August Central National Meet in Springfield.

Ken also gave a National Club update. Ken announced that the 2015 Eastern National Meet will be held in Charlotte, NC, June 8-11, 2015. Ken also advised that the 1940-1941 Pickup Booklet, written a number of years ago by Howard Towne, has been reprinted by the V-8 Club and is available now.

With Treasurer Joe Serritella still enjoying the Arizona sun, Tom O'Donnell presented the Treasurer's Report showing a starting balance of \$4,900 and an ending balance of \$4,701.50.

Health & Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali was under the weather so her report was given by Frank Madrigali:

- Joe Serritella's daughter is still having proton radiation treatments.
- Lloyd Duzell continues with his chemo treatments. He was able to attend the Valentine's Day luncheon.
- Tom O'Donnell (present at the meeting) spent a night in the hospital with a little dizziness and balance problem. Tom was released after tests and was told this was a non-event.
- Alan Wall was at the meeting; he said he was better but still is not allowed to drive.
- Charlie Kaiser is doing well; he has chemo on a regular basis and is doing his normal routines.
- Ron Dopke is recovering from complications from hip surgery. Several NIRG members attended Sue's wake; our club would like to express our deep sympathy to Ron on Sue's passing.

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

- Ken Bounds reported on the Pioneer Turners luncheon hosted by Charles Kaiser March 8 at Café Prague. About a dozen members attended.
- On March 30 Ron is hosting an Eggs & Eights breakfast at Egg Harbor in Geneva; a signup sheet was passed around.
- Ron Blum is hosting A Day at the Races Saturday, April 26, at Hawthorne Racecourse. \$25 per person covers parking, buffet, race admission, group race and photo. The luncheon opens at 12:30 pm; the first race starts at 1:45 pm.

MARCH 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

- Ken Bounds reported that about six members plan to attend the 40th Annual Spring Fling May 23 - 26 in Council Bluffs, IA. Ken has registration forms if anyone is interested. Forms are also available on our website.
- Joe Novak is arranging our 4th Annual Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Group June 6-8. This year we are traveling to Auburn, IN. See details in the Road Chatter or contact Joe Novak if you have any questions.

Co-Chairman Ken Bounds gave an update on the 2014 Central National Meet, hosted by the NIRG in Springfield August 18 – 22. Registration is up to 137 and 88 have sent in the full packages. 36 have registered from our group. We have 66 cars registered to date. Ken said the Route 66 Driving Tour and picnic hosted by Don & Vickie Henley is proving to be very popular. Raffle tickets for the V-8 logo clocks, Arlen Olsen custom painting are selling very well. We have also sold two clocks. Tom O'Donnell will be our official photographer. We have received the 1939 World's Fair commemorative gear-shift knobs and bottle stoppers; they are available for sale now.

President Gilday thanked Carolyn Bounds for the great homemade cookies as we took a short break before the tech talk.

John Scheve presented a very informative and interesting tech talk on how to tear down and rebuild a Model A steering box. He showed various parts and discussed differences in steering boxes through the V-8 years.

Ken Bounds went home \$28 richer as the winner of the 50-50 Raffle.

President Scott Gilday adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Attendance: Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, John Emmering, Scott

Gilday, Earl Heintz, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, Frank Koeder, George Kubik, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Bob Paladino, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, John Slobodnik, Peter Spiros (guest), Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Len Vinyard, Alan Wall, Larry Webb, and George Zulas.



John discusses a steering shaft as Tom O'Donnell looks on

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

At the March meeting, the NIRG Board of Directors discussed ways to increase interest and attendance at monthly meetings. One idea was to start the meeting with a little tire kicking in the parking lot before the start of the meeting. Another idea was to start our meetings 30 minutes earlier, at 7:30, and conclude at 9:00 or so, but no later than 9:30. As the minutes show, the 27 members at the March meeting showed overwhelming support for the earlier start time. Both the April Pizza Meeting and the May meeting will begin at 7:30. Do you have an opinion on this matter? Please contact [President Gilday](#) or any officer or member of the Board and voice your opinion. Should we start our meetings earlier? Do you have any other ideas to make our meetings more enjoyable? Please let them know.

**Fourth Annual Great Lakes Rendezvous
Northern Illinois Regional Group • Northern Ohio Regional Group
Auburn, Indiana June 6-8, 2014**

Museum Tours and Other Attractions

- Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
- National Auto & Truck Museum
- Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum
- Cheeseman store in Auburn
- Heritage Winery & Vinyard in LaOtto



Meals

- Friday Lunch—Cracker Barrel in Auburn
- Friday Dinner—St. James Tavern in Avila
- Saturday Banquet—Bridgewater Country Club in Auburn



Hotel

- Hampton Inn • 1020 Smaltz Way • Auburn • 260-925-1100

You can make your reservations now—ask for the Early Ford V-8 rate of just \$89 per night. All rooms are non-smoking with two queen beds.

Browse Antique Shops • Driving Tour to Covered Bridge • Kick Tires

Photo Opportunities at Restored Service Station

You are invited to join your friends from the Northern Illinois and the Northern Ohio Regional Groups, along with the Nifty Fifties Ford Club of Northern Ohio. Joe Novak is making arrangements for our Fourth Annual Joint Tour, this year to Auburn, Indiana, home to some of the best auto museums in America. Watch for more details of events coming soon.



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10 Years Ago This Month – April 2004

The April Road Chatter contained an article from member Bill Straughn about how he had acquired his '46 Ford Coupe. Vice President Ed Fontana presided over the April 20 monthly meeting as President Ken Bounds was traveling on business. Membership Chairman Lin Stacey reported that we currently have 78 members. The guest speaker was Jim Evans of Auto Appraisal Group of Virginia.

20 Years Ago This Month – April 1994

A large crowd of 68 V-8ers, family, and friends attended the annual Pizza Meeting April 19 at a different venue, Home Run Inn Pizza in Arlington Heights, hosted by Len & Irene Vinyard. At the meeting t-shirts were handed out to members who had volunteered to support the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event held April 24. Members brought out 17 cars for a little show as they supported a stop in the Forest Preserve at the halfway mark of the walk.

30 Years Ago This Month – April 1984

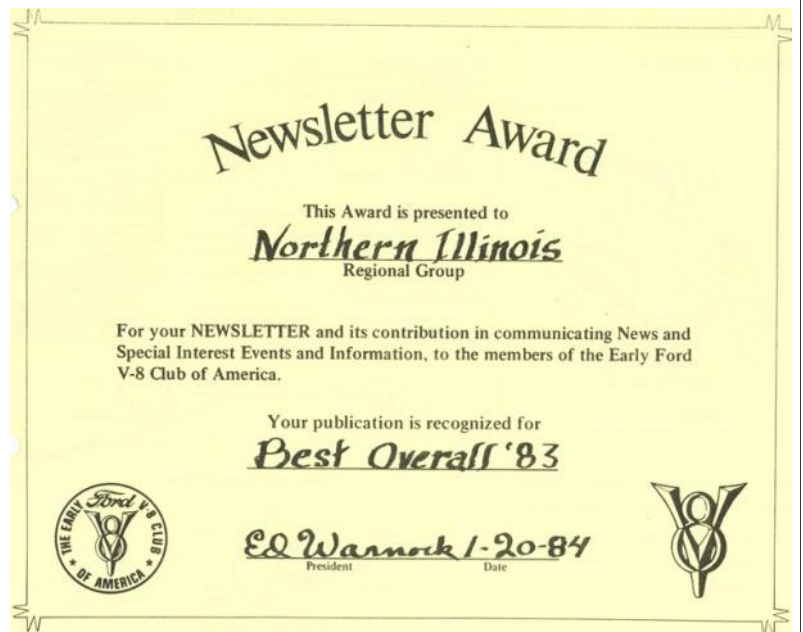
The annual Pizza Meeting was held April 10 at John's Pizzeria in Addison with 56 in attendance. Lloyd Duzell took in the dough from the 50-50 raffle. Despite a rainy, dismal day, the 2nd Annual NIRG swap meet held at Elmhurst Chrysler was a big success. Thirty-six members turned out to support the meet which generated over \$1,000 profit to the club.

40 Years Ago This Month – April 1974

The April newsletter contained an appeal to members for stories about their cars (sounds familiar!). John Lasky agreed to print the page with such stories so a picture could be included. The April 9 meeting was well attended by over 30 members, spouses, and visitors. Bob Hanselman showed two 35mm filmstrips.

Flathead Flashback

In 1984 Road Chatter Editor Diane Wrobel was awarded "Best Overall" in the 1983 Early Ford V-8 newsletter competition. This copy of the certificate appeared in the April Road Chatter.





V-8 Gals



This is a shout out to Mother Nature. Spring started March 20th and I just don't see it. Where is spring!!! This has been a very hard and long winter; a winter that just will not end. You know it has been bad when you think the 30s are "not so bad".

I found this article on the Good Housekeeping website. They called it 9 Signs You're Seriously over Winter. They must still have some snow on the brain because # 6 was missing. Enjoy the 9 (really 8) signs and hope the wrath of winter is nearing the end.

9 Signs You're Seriously Over Winter

- ⊗ You groan every time you check the weather on your phone when you wake up and curse that silly groundhog for predicting six more weeks of winter.
- ⊗ But at this point, a little "wintry mix" isn't going to stop you from firing up the grill.
- ⊗ You're so eager to start your spring landscaping that you're tempted to grab your blow dryer and start thawing out your flower beds.
- ⊗ You've cranked up the heat just so you can lounge around the house in your favorite sundress and sandals.
- ⊗ You don't care that it's only 30 degrees — you're getting iced coffee on your lunch break... even if you have to hold it wearing your gloves.
- ⊗ So what that there's still snow in the front yard? You're putting out that flowery spring flag anyway.
- ⊗ You've changed the ring tone on your phone to birds chirping.
- ⊗ You've displaced the cat from her favorite window sill because, dang it, it's time to start your seedlings.



Source: <http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/health/wellness/sign-over-winter>

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January 9 Board Meeting 11 Installation Dinner Rockwood Tap 21 Member Meeting	February 13 Board Meeting 15 Valentine's Lunch - Buffalo Grove 18 Member Meeting	March 8 Pioneer Turners Luncheon - Chicago 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 30 Eggs & Eights, Geneva	April 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Night at the Races, Hawthorne
May 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-26 Spring Fling, Council Bluffs	June 6-8 Joint Tour to Auburn with NORG 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 23-26 Eastern National Meet, Gettysburg	July 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	August 13 Board Meeting 18-22 Central National Meet, Springfield 26 Member Meeting
September 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	November 8 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	December No Meetings

Happy Easter and Passover

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**JOE DISPENSA (4/2), ARLENE HAYDEN (4/2), JUDY MYERS (4/7),
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 & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)**

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 ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25),
 TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28), FRANK & CAROLYN NAGODE (4/30)
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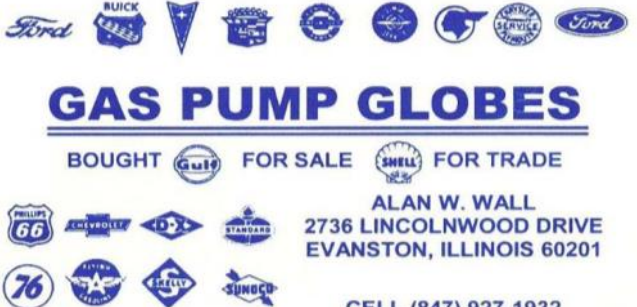
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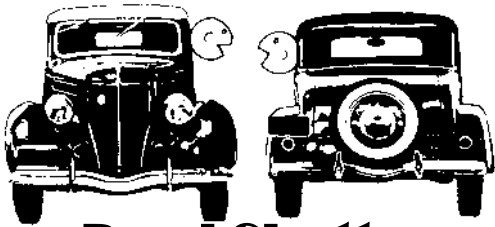


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Photo of the Month
Part of the Group at the Eggs & Eights Breakfast