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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

August 3 Annual NIRG Picnic, Island Lake - see Page 3 for details.

August 12 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm. **Note special date.**

August 18-22 Central National Meet, Springfield.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 3 24th Annual Vintage Transportation Extravaganza, Union.

August 9 14th Annual Classic Car and Hot Rod Show, Tom Peck Ford, Huntley, 9 am - 3 pm

August 24 6th Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show, Aurora. Contact Joe Dispensa for details.

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Attention Members

Please note that the August monthly meeting will be held a week early on Tuesday, August 12. It will be dedicated to final planning for the Central National Meet in Springfield. All members, spouses, significant others, etc. who are planning to attend the meet and who are helping with the meet should come to the meeting.



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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

I hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday.

Looking back at July, I would like to thank Ken & Carolyn Bounds for driving two activities to help us prepare for the Central National Meet that we're hosting in Springfield this month. First, Ken led an information session at our packed Monthly Meeting. During this, he gave a thorough presentation on how the event would be laid out and what our roles would be, while we got to enjoy Carolyn's homemade cookies and Delice's homemade brownies.



Next, Ken & Carolyn fought the bad weather to hold a practice operational check event at Roundheads in Lombard. The weather really limited the number of people who were able to attend, but the event did give us the opportunity to do a dry-run of how the operational check would work in Springfield.

As a follow-up on my thanks last month to our members who participated in the 50's car show at the Vi at The Glen retirement community, I would like to mention that the Vi at The Glen has very generously contributed \$500 to our club as a thanks for our participation. We greatly appreciate their generosity and our members really enjoyed being there.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ken Robins, a friend of Frank Koeder, who was able to come up with two very nice 1936 Illinois license plates that we will donate to the Early Ford V-8 Foundation as a part of an effort driven by the Palm Beach, FL regional group. I greatly appreciate Ken and Frank for helping us out!

Looking to this month, we start with our annual picnic on Sunday, August 3rd at Timmerman's Ranch. Burgers, brats and soft drinks will be provided, so please join us and bring your families; we ask everyone to bring a pass-around dish or side. Next, I want to mention that we are moving our Monthly Meeting to Tuesday, August 12th, and we'll focus again on preparing for the 2014 Central National Meet, so please join us. And, remember to be there early to kick the tires at 7PM.

Lastly, as most of you know, our Central National Meet will be held from August 18th – 22nd, in Springfield. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you've returned all your registration materials and booked your hotel room. I look forward to seeing you there!

Scott Gilday
NIRG President

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday, August 3

This year's picnic will again be held at Timmermann's Ranch & Saddle Shop, 29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake.

Hosted by Don & Elaine Braun and their friends, Art & Carol Timmermann. The fun begins at 10:00 a.m.

Food - Drinks - 50-50 Raffle - Fun

The club provides: Hot dogs, brats, burgers, plates, napkins, utensils, charcoal.

You provide: Your entrée if you don't want hot dogs, brats or burgers, one pass-around dish to share, your Early V-8 (other cars welcome), lawn chairs. Please consider bringing a side dish; last year we had plenty of deserts but very few sides.

Beverages: The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice, and coolers. If you want adult beverages you'll need to bring your own.

Auction and Raffle: There will be no auction or raffle this year, but there will be a chance to take home some \$\$\$ in the 50-50 Raffle.

Driving directions: Timmermann's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmermann's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8s and friends. You don't want to miss it! Guests are welcome!

Special Note: Members of the CNM Operational Check Team are encouraged to arrive by 10:00 am to try another run-through of our Operational Check procedures. Safety checks will be available for all members' vehicles.



Save the Date

7th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 26-28

It's not too early to start thinking about our annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally. Make your reservations now before the rooms are all gone. Please call the [Delevan Comfort Suites](#) at 262-740-1000 and ask for the block of rooms under Early Ford V-8 Club for the nights of September 26 and 27. Cost is \$89.99 + tax per night. This year we are planning an enjoyable driving tour to New Glarus where we will take in Oktoberfest and perhaps a brewery tour.



Our Trip to the 41st Annual Texas Tour By Ken Bounds

After thinking about driving to the Texas Tour for several years, Carolyn and I decided to make it happen this year. These folks have been doing this for over 40 years, so they must have something figured out, right? The Texas Tour is a bit difficult for us because it is over 1,000 miles away and many years the weather is not even good enough at home to get an Early V-8 out that early in the year.

We intended this story to be about our 1,250-mile drive to Kerrville and our experiences on our inaugural Texas Tour. Instead it has become all about the kindness and compassion of some incredible V-8 friends.

The story starts out innocently enough. We had asked Stacey Brown's daughter, Melissa to re-create for us some beautiful stained glass pieces she had made for the 2012 Central National Meet in Branson so we could raffle them at our group's National Meet this summer. She did so and took them to Bobby York so he could give them to us in Kerrville. Sadly, days before the Tour Bobby was confronted with a medical emergency – a detached retina would cause him to miss the Tour for the first time. But being the considerate person that he is, Bobby unselfishly thought of us and arranged for Jerry & Linda Kimbrell to pick up the stained glass items and deliver them to us in Kerrville. For this, we are very grateful to Bobby, Jerry, and Linda.

We left for the Texas Tour on Wednesday, April 2. The '50 Convertible was running great and we had a lot to talk about in preparing for the Central Meet, so we just kept driving. We made it all the way to Wichita Falls, Texas, before we stopped for the night - 970 miles on the odometer. On Thursday we arrived at our destination, Kerrville, Texas. In addition to all the fun at the Tour, we spent a lot of time at the registration desk, handing out information about the Central Meet and selling 1939 World's Fair commemorative gearshift knobs and raffle tickets. Jimmy Gibson became our star salesman.

At the Texas Tour, everyone made us feel welcome. We are fortunate to have so many V-8 friends in Texas and enjoyed a weekend of fellowship. But even more acts of kindness were to come. Coincidentally, at the Saturday Banquet, Carolyn and I sat next to Jimmy & Connie Gibson. Jimmy wished us good luck on our drive home and said "If you have any problems, you call me."

We left Kerrville early the morning of April 6. Jimmy had warned us to watch for deer; it was a valid warning because we saw about 3 dozen. Seriously. We dodged all the deer, but we couldn't dodge trouble. About 200 miles into our trip, we had a fender-bender in the rain in Cisco, Texas. There was fairly serious damage to the right front and the fender was bent against the tire. Our car was not drivable. As



Alice Culhane lights a birthday cupcake candle for our old friend Ken Ballew



Ouch!

we worked through the options of what to do, I remembered Jimmy's words from the night before, so we gave him a call.

We reached Jimmy and Connie on the road home near Comanche, about 45 miles from our location. Jimmy said "Stay right where you are, I'm on my way." When they arrived, Jimmy already had two plans of action. If the car was not drivable, we would get it towed to Bill Smith's in Abilene and talk to Ken Lewis about getting it repaired. If we could make it drivable, we could either continue on home or drive to Jimmy's house and see about getting it repaired there.

In the pouring rain, Jimmy crawled under his Mercury to attach a tow strap. We were able to pull the bent bumper out of the way. A Good Samaritan happened to stop by with a truck full of metal. He used a long bar and with a good deal of muscle power, was able to pry the fender off the tire. I took the car for a little spin and determined it was drivable. We decided not to drive home with a missing headlight and to follow Jimmy and Connie to Richardson.

At our first gas stop, Jimmy jumped out of the Merc and said "I got you a fender!" Jimmy had been working the phone and tracked down a right-front '50 Ford fender from none other than Bobby York. Jimmy said that he also had a place in Richardson that would fix the car. Wow.

We continued on to Richardson and squeezed the convertible into the garage next to Alice Culhane's T-Bird. We didn't scratch it Alice! Now we had to determine what we really needed to get out of the car to take home. All this was loaded into the Mercury and we were off to Blue Ridge. But not before a stop for dinner at Furr's. I encountered Jimmy's wrath when I attempted to pay for the meal. "You know the rules!" Jimmy insisted. We were his guests and our money was no good.

Arriving at the Gibson home in Blue Ridge, we transferred our belongings from the Merc into our "loaner" car – Jimmy and Connie's 2002 Thunderbird! They insisted that we drive it home, which we did. However, they also encouraged us to spend the night with them and leave in the morning. Since Carolyn had that "work thing" Tuesday, we politely declined and hit the road following a route carefully explained to us by Connie.

Let me tell you, we were nervous driving Jimmy's classic in the rain. We made it to Joplin that night and arrived safely home Monday afternoon. The T-Bird has been locked in our garage ever since. We intend to tell Jimmy that we have driven it to dozens of events, but that would not be true.

On Tuesday, Jimmy promptly delivered our convertible to John Mosty. Unfortunately, John found more hidden damage than he could repair so he transferred the car next door to Premier Auto Sports. We have heard good things about them. Connie has stayed in touch with us and has sent some pictures of the progress on the car. No, it is still not finished.

Our adventure is not quite over, but well under control. We are grateful to have such wonderful friends in the V-8 Club. We are sure that those of you who are fortunate enough to interact with Jimmy and Connie much more often than we do already know what we have learned about them. They truly embody the V-8 Spirit. Without the support of Jimmy and Connie, we would have been lost. We didn't know what to do, how to get home, how to approach getting the car repaired. We are so happy that they were there when we needed them.



The Dallas Group was well represented

40th Annual Spring Fling - Council Bluffs, Iowa

By Ken Bounds

On Memorial Day weekend, eight NIRG members joined about 100 other V-8ers at the 40th Annual Spring Fling. Making the 450-mile trip across Illinois and Iowa were Ken & Carolyn Bounds - '51 Mercury, Joe & Eric Kozmic - '53 Mercury, Joey Novak - '53 Mercury, Dan Pudelek - '53 Victoria, and John Slobodnik and son John - '54 Fordor. We made the trip without incident, arriving mid-afternoon. It was great meeting so many old friends from throughout the Midwest. Ken & Carolyn spent a lot of time in the hospitality room promoting the Central National Meet.

On Saturday we had a driving tour to the Union Pacific Railroad Museum and the General Dodge House. Both were very interesting and informative. Sunday brought the traditional car games and people games. Our group brought the blind tollbooth game and the lugnut stacking game.

At the awards banquet members of our group won several first and second place trophies for the games. We returned home, again without incident, on Monday after a great weekend of V-8 camaraderie. Thank you to our hosts, the Omaha Regional Group, for a well-organized event. Next year: Wichita!



Fun in the parking lot



Lunch at a nearby restaurant



This looks about right!



Joey displays his driving skills

Gangster Volney Davis's Great Illinois Escape; Yorkville to Wheaton in a Ford V-8 By John Emmering



More research, this time for the year 1935, has uncovered another true account of a depression era gangster who utilized an early Ford V-8 automobile. What follows is a story that unfolded right here in our Northern Illinois Region.



Indicted kidnapper Volney Davis knew that in the next few moments he would make his move to escape the custody of Federal Agents Garrity and Trainor that night of Wednesday February 6, 1935 as he stood at the bar of the Hotel Nading in Yorkville, Illinois. Davis, a member of the Barker-Karpis gang had been arrested early that morning in Saint Louis, Missouri for the charge of kidnaping millionaire banker Edward Bremer. A ransom of \$200,000 had been netted by the gang. Since the crime had occurred in Saint Paul, Minnesota the government chartered a plane and assigned Agents Garrity and Trainor to accompany Davis on the flight to the Federal Court in that city.

Unable to find the Chicago Municipal Airport (renamed Midway in 1949) for refueling due to fog, pilot Joseph Jacobson continued flying west, putting the plane down in farmer Eugene Matlock's field outside Yorkville, IL. Coincidentally Davis was now only a few miles from Aurora, where he had lived with his girlfriend Edna "Rabbits" Murray and where he had hid John Dillinger and the mortally wounded Red Hamilton a year earlier. When Bill Ford, a neighbor, saw the plane land he stopped his car at the scene and offered the occupants a ride into town. Agent Garrity had first removed Davis's leg irons and finally his handcuffs so as not to create a public stir as they waited in the bar area of the Hotel Nading in Yorkville where Bill Ford had dropped them off.

While Agent Trainor used the pay phone to call the Chicago headquarters, Agent Garrity ordered two beers, one for himself and one for Davis. As Garrity took a sip of beer Davis swung his fist landing a blow that knocked him backward off of his bar stool. Davis in an unexpected move dove through a closed glass window, landing on the side walk. Brushing the glass off of his clothing Davis rolled onto his feet and sprinted away ignoring bullets fired through the window by his former captor.

Crossing the street Davis spied a new 1935 Ford Deluxe Tudor V-8 momentarily left running by grocer Harlan Bretthauer in front of his store. Jumping into the V-8 Ford Davis took off toward Aurora, leaving Yorkville and the agents behind. The V-8 Ford, plate #104 140 was recovered the next day by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, abandoned in rural Milton Township east of Wheaton. The adventure bought Volney Davis only four months of freedom as he was re-captured in Chicago by G-man Melvin Purvis in June 1935. I am sure he thought of his exciting escape in the Ford V-8 often during his long stay in Alcatraz prison which lasted until the late 1950's.



JULY 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Scott said the meeting would be brief because of the discussion of work assignments for the Central National Meet in Springfield. The meeting was well attended by many members, both husbands and wives, most of whom were volunteering to work at the Meet.



Scott displayed a pair of 1936 Illinois license plates that Frank Koeder purchased; our club was seeking them for a project being run by a Florida group for a donation to the Foundation Museum. The plates seem to be in good shape.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds said we now have 86 members and introduced our newest members, Jody Reeme & Steve Albertson. Jody is the owner of a 1939 Ford Deluxe Fordor.

Treasurer Joe Serritella said we started the month of June at \$4,431 and ended the month at \$4,376.

On Health & Welfare, Ken Bounds advised that Sam Barone had surgery for a brain hematoma July 1 after fall. Len Vinyard advised that Sam was scheduled to come home today.

Ron Steck Tour Chairman gave his report:

- Scott advised that the tour of 8 V-8s to the Vi at the Glen retirement community was enjoyed by our members. This was a 1950's theme and the senior residents really enjoyed the cars. The committee invited us all for lunch. We arrived at 9:30 am and left at 3:00 pm. Scott stated that the Glen is donating \$500 to our Club.
- Ken advised that the Safety Check at Roundheads was rained out. Several members showed up and even brought their V-8s, but left in a downpour.
- Our Annual Picnic will be August 3 at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake.
- Ken reported on the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg. He stated the meet was very well run and the execution was superb.

The majority of tonight's meeting was a presentation by Ken & Carolyn Bounds directed at planning for the Central National Meet. Carolyn handed out sheets containing work assignments for everyone at the meeting who will be helping at the meet. The slide presentation included goals of the meet and goals of this meeting. Included were updated statistics about registrations for the meet as well as for meals, tours, and other events. Ken & Carolyn advised that contractual obligations with the host hotel regarding minimum food purchases and room nights have been met and that the meet is doing well financially.

Ken thanked Sam Van Bruggen for donating all the signage for our event. Ken also thanked all the volunteers for coming. Ken & Carolyn went over in some detail many of the work assignments at the meet.

There was an extensive discussion regarding trailer parking, which has become complicated since the owners of our original parking location backed out at the last minute. Ken & Carolyn advised that off-duty policemen have been hired to provide overnight security both at the hotel and at the trailer parking area.

John Emmering went home \$38 richer as the winner of the 50-50 raffle.

After a brief time to enjoy coffee, cookies baked by Carolyn, and brownies baked by Delice, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

JULY 15 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Attendance:

Steve Albertson & Jody Reeme, Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Joe & Marie Dispensa, John & Robin Emmering, Scott Gilday, Roger Hunz, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Garry & Joan Kelly, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Roger Obecnny, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barbara Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, Sam Van Bruggen, Len & Irene Vinyard, Alan Wall, and George & Dawn Zulas.

Welcome New Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group welcomes Jody Reeme & Steve Albertson of Wilmette to the club. Jody is the proud new owner of this 1939 Deluxe Ford Fordor. Jody & Steve joined the National Club in June; we were happy to be able to meet them in person at the July meeting. They even braved the rainy evening and drove their '39. Jody and Steve have already sent in their registration for the Central National Meet and are in the process of getting the car ready for the trip to Springfield. We are happy you have joined us and hope to see you at more meetings and club events.



This issue should contain a label showing the contact information for Jody and Steve that you can attach to your 2014 roster. Those receiving the Road Chatter electronically will receive this information in the e-mail.

Operational Check and Photo Opportunity By Ken Bounds

The best laid plans. We planned to get everyone together who is assigned to the Operational Check at the Central National Meet on Saturday, July 12, to go over the process on members' V-8s. We also had Tom O'Donnell, our meet photographer, on hand to take shots of the vehicles against a scenic backdrop. The weather all week was beautiful – about 80 degrees and sunny. Saturday, of course, brought the threat of rain.

Several brave participants ignored the weather forecast and drove their Early V-8s to Roundhead's of Lombard: Ken & Carolyn Bounds – '51 Mercury, Tom Buscaglia – '51 Tudor, Stan Stack – '53 Tudor, and Jeff Trilling – '52 Pickup. John & Este Scheve were rumored to have their '37 Tudor in their trailer. They were joined in modern vehicles by John Emmering, Terry & Kitty Freihage, Joe Kozmic, Gary Kelly, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, and Len Vinyard.

Before we could really get underway, the skies opened up. Not just a little shower; more like a deluge. We tried in vain to go over our procedures in the trunk of the Mercury, but after about an hour everyone had enough and left. Our handouts were soaked, our clipboards were soaked, we were soaked. We thank everyone who gave it the old college try and will re-group for a drier day (see page 3).



TECH CORNER



With many of our members driving their V-8s to the Central National Meet in Springfield, this month's Tech Corner is *very* abbreviated version of our Top Ten Touring Tips.

10. If you can't bring a V-8, don't be afraid to drive modern iron. The important thing is to get out there and enjoy the drive and the tour with your fellow V-8 enthusiasts.
9. Bring tools and spare parts. As much as you try to keep your V-8 in tip-top shape, things sometimes go wrong. It never hurts to have an assortment of tools and spare parts in your trunk, especially on longer or overnight tours. Don't forget fluids. Bring some oil. Bring water for your radiator, or if you use anti-freeze, pre-mix some 50/50 and bring a gallon or two.
8. Stay in touch – bring a cell phone. They are great for getting in touch with someone if you have an emergency or breakdown. Be sure to share your cell number with others on the tour and get their numbers too!
7. Bring a copy of the NIRG roster and the EFV8 Club roster. A copy of the NIRG roster is great to have in case someone doesn't show up at a meeting point. The National roster has saved many V-8ers when they are touring the country and need some help or advice.
6. Rain-X your windshield. Don't believe the weather forecast; it will rain. Apply Rain-X to your windshield now and thank me later.
5. Get an I-Pass for your V-8. There is only one account balance required for multiple I-Pass transponders. You simply pay a \$10 deposit for each unit, so why not get one for each car?
4. Use your I-Pass in Illinois and all the states that accept E-ZPass. The I-Pass is of course accepted in all toll lanes throughout the Illinois tollway system and on the Chicago Skyway. But did you know that you can also use your I-Pass on all toll roads and bridges that accept E-ZPass, including Indiana, Ohio, and 11 other Northeastern states? But, you must properly mount the I-Pass to ensure it works properly in all states. For your Early V-8, consider the LPT (license plate tag) version.
3. Don't fall too far behind the car in front of you. Leave room for braking, but try to stay close to the car in front of you so the group can stay together. It is also a good idea to keep an eye on the car following you and to notify the leader or someone in front of you if you or someone behind you gets caught by a stop light or has fallen out of sight.
2. Stay in touch – bring a CB Radio. If you have never brought a CB radio with you on a tour, you don't know what you are missing! Cell phones are nice for person-to-person communication and emergencies, but you can't beat the CB for communicating in a group. The CB radio is invaluable for determining when and where to stop for meals, for arranging gas and rest stops, and for letting your touring partners just know how your car is doing.
1. Have fun. By all means, come prepared to have some fun. Hopefully the tour can be arranged so there is plenty of time to arrive at each destination so you can enjoy the sights and sounds along the way. Much of the fun about being in an antique car club is getting the old cars out and driving them. Remember, "It's the Drive, Not the Destination".





10 Years Ago This Month – August 2004

On August 7 Ed Fontana hosted the NIRGs participation at the World War II Warbird/Car Show at Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling. Fourteen members signed up for the show. Ron Blum showed a video of the event at the September meeting. At the August 17 monthly meeting there was discussion of the NIRG joining other regional groups in supporting the planned Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum in Auburn by joining the “100 Club.”

20 Years Ago This Month – August 1994

Eleven members showed their Early V-8s at the 6th Annual Mount Prospect Historical Society car show August 14, hosted by Alan Wall. Of the 80 cars shown, Lloyd Duzell missed 1st Place by two votes with his '35 Tudor. Twenty-five members attended John Witthoef's mini-golf outing August 21 in Algonquin. After great time on “the links” everyone gathered for brunch at a restaurant in Oakwood Hills.

30 Years Ago This Month – August 1984

The August Road Chatter welcomed new member Tim Carlig. The NIRG annual picnic, held August 26 at the Glen Ellyn home of Larry & Sue Maas, was well-attended with over 75 present along with a number of Early V-8s. A planned pig roast had to be cancelled, but everyone enjoyed steaks furnished by Manny Safus which were grilled by Jim Pope and Rich Doligale. Activities included a water slide, a trampoline, and volleyball. These were for the kids.

40 Years Ago This Month – August 1974

An “almost perfect” August 18 saw 25 Early V-8s displayed at the NIRG annual picnic at the Groot's country home in St. Charles. A rough head count put the number of members, family, and friends at over 100! Bob Mengler's '36 Cabriolet was the star of the afternoon winning both the men's and the women's choice awards. The picnic included a short driving tour. There was plenty of good food, beer, pop, and ice cream.

Flathead Flashback

Photo of stainless '36 Tudor taken at the NIRGs 1986 Central National Meet. Photo from Marty Duling collection.



V-8 Gals



It's August! That means it is cocktail month for the V-8 Gals. I always look forward to this month because I get to experiment with my "Adult Beverages". This year, our 8th Annual Cocktail issue, is dedicated to the pineapple. I love pineapple. My go-to drink in the summer is Malibu Rum and pineapple juice. Just love it! I wanted to see what other great drinks are made with pineapple.

Our first cocktail took a bit of searching. A few years back at our Day at the Races event the bartender served me a drink with pineapple juice, orange juice and then I forget the rest. I couldn't remember the name. I was bound and determined to find that drink for this article. Found it -- Malibu Sunset. Hope you enjoy these drinks.

Malibu Sunset

1 oz Malibu Coconut Rum
3 oz pineapple juice
3 oz orange juice
1 splash cranberry juice

Mix all ingredients in a cocktail shaker / stirrer and pour into a glass. Add Crushed Ice.

Absolut Mandarin Punch

2 Parts Absolut Mandarin
2 Parts Ginger Ale
1½ Parts Pineapple Juice
1 Wedge Lemon
1 Wheel Lime

Fill a highball glass with ice cubes. Add all ingredients. Garnish with lemon and lime.



The 2014 Central National Meet is almost here!

It's not too late to donate.

If you have items for the **Your Choice Raffle** or the **Hospitality Room**, please bring them to either the club picnic (8/3) or the August meeting (8/12).

We appreciate your help and support!

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
8 Board Meeting 10 Duals Night, Culvers of Buffalo Grove 20 Member Meeting 23-26 Spring Fling, Council Bluffs	6-8 Joint Tour to Auburn 11 Glen Miller Outing 12 Board Meeting 14 Riverview Ford Show 17 Member Meeting 23-26 Eastern National Meet, Gettysburg 29 Lunch & Hayride	10 Board Meeting 12 Operational Check, Photo Op, Roundheads of Lombard 15 Member Meeting/Central National Meet Planning Meeting	3 Annual Picnic, Timmermann's Ranch, Island Lake 12 Member Meeting - please note special date 18-22 Central National Meet, Springfield
September	October	November	December
11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting TBD Fall Colors Driving Tour	8 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	No Meetings TBD Christmas Brunch

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**MARIE DISPENSA (8/1), STEPHANIE KUBARTH (8/1), ANGIE PALADINO (8/1),
JOHN SCHEVE (8/7), ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ALAN WALL (8/18),
ROGER OBECHNY (8/19), CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21), & CAROLYN NAGODE (8/27)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**JOE & NELL KOZMIC (8/6), FRANK & PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (8/9),
GEORGE & DAWN ZULAS (8/17), JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18)
& PETE & JOANNE MCMANUS (8/25)**

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Special Interest Autos	198	\$1,550.00	Complete set other than # 176
Hemmings Classic Car	116	\$925.00	Complete set
V 8 Membership Roster	41	\$200.00	1973-2014
V 8 times	248	\$350.00	Nov-Dec 72-Current Some Duplicates

Rear seat for a 1949 Ford Fordor, front seat for 1950 Ford Fordor; set of original NOS Ford seat covers for Fordor. Contact John Emmering 331-425-1187.

Pair E&J Headlights, \$2,700.00; **Rebuilt S. C. O. T. Blower**, \$11,500.00; **1939 NOS trunk handle** \$175.00. Contact Frank Koeder, 847-840-7557.

46-47 front & rear bumpers new chrome - \$600.00 or will exchange for 40 bumpers. **Speedometer cable** 70" long \$20.00. Call Ron Steck 630-777-4001.

1940 Ford Tudor door passenger side, no hardware, decent shape; **1940 ford gas tank**, clean, needs tank pick-up repair. Free to good home, must pick up. Call Roger Obecny at 798-772-1925.

Eco Air Meter needs restoration and paint. **Jim Beam Car Bottles** –many bottles all cars, Police Tow Truck, full aged liquor, (except one) 21 in factory boxes, (7 or 8 duplicates). Porcelain signs; original and repro globes, \$100 - \$2,000. Call Alan Wall 847-927-1932.

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Wanted 2 long-neck water pumps, 1932 Ford. Gary Osborne, 630-584-3286.

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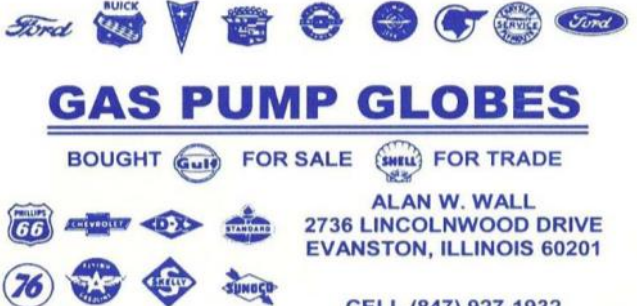
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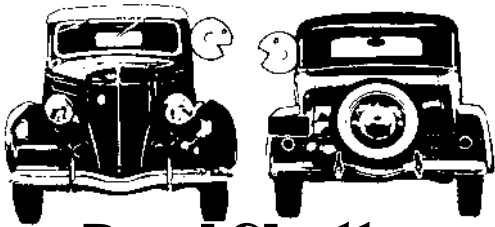


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