ROAD CHATTER

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Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8 P.O. Box 803 Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0803

December 2014

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 7 Christmas Luncheon - see details on page 3.

December 31 Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

January 10 Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

No regular meetings in December



Happy Holidays



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A reminder that 2015 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2015 roster. A reminder appears to the left of your name on the back cover if we have not received your renewal.



2014 OFFICERS

President

Scott Gilday

Vice President Frank Madrigali

Secretary

Stan Stack

Treasurer Joe Serritella

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds

> Health & Welfare Phyllis Madrigali

Tour ChairmanRon Steck

Newsletter Ken and Carolyn Bounds

Board of Directors

Ron Blum Tom O'Donnell Gary Osborne John Scheve Ron Steck

MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

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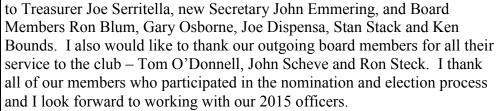
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to December. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I wish you all a very happy holiday season and health and happiness in the new year.

I would like to start by introducing our newly elected 2014 officers. I will continue as President and congratulations go



Next, I would like to thank Earl Heintz for hosting another successful Veteran's Day Lunch. We had decent weather and a great turn out to honor the club's members who served our country. I also thank Ron Steck for hosting our "Eggs and Eights" breakfast at Butterfield's Restaurant in Naperville, where a number of us made it out for some great food and conversation.

Thanks to the help of our board members, officers, and members, 2014 was great year with a full slate of activities that gave us many opportunities to enjoy our Early V-8s and the company of friends, including the very successful 2014 Central National Meet. For next year, we've already begun to plan a bunch of great activities and we look forward to everyone's participation. And, as always, we welcome people to step-up and help plan and run additional activities.

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Luncheon on December 7th and at our Installation Banquet on January 10th.

Happy Holidays!!

Scott Gilday, NIRG President

Another Early V-8 Comes Home

Congratulations to Ron Steck. After what seemed like a long process, Ron has his '40 Pickup back from restoration. Wow! Ron had to drive a modern car to Club events this year, but it looks like he will be ready to show off his "new" ride in the spring. We look forward to hearing more from Ron about the restoration.



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Annual Christmas Luncheon – Sunday, December 7

What: Annual Christmas Luncheon

When: Sunday, December 7, 12:00 noon

Where: Jameson's Original Charhouse, 1001 W. 75th St.,

Woodridge

Please join us for the NIRG Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Jameson's Original Charhouse in Woodridge.

We will be gathering at noon with lunch to be served at 12:30. Lunch choices are charbroiled Chicken Breast, London Broil, or Broiled Tilapia. All meals come with a side dish, cream of chicken rice soup, house salad, coffee, tea and soft drinks and dessert. A cash bar is available.

We will also have the ladies grab bag; maximum cost for gifts \$25.

The restaurant is located on the south side of 75th Street at the intersection with Lemont Rd. If you are traveling on I-355, exit at 75th Street and go east 1 mile. Take a right by the Kohl's sign, then a quick left to Jameson's, on your left. Or, you may continue a short distance to Lemont Rd. Turn right by the Shell station, then a quick right just past the Shell station to Jameson's.

We know you will enjoy the meal and the V-8 fellowship. The deadline for signup was December 1; we hope you are planning to attend.

If you have any questions, please call Este or John Scheve at 630-420-0029 or contact them by e-mail at teamscheve@comcast.net.

Installation Dinner – Saturday, January 10



The annual installation dinner will be held once again at the Rockwood Tap House in Downers Grove. The price is \$35 per person. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, featuring a one-hour open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be at 7:00 pm, followed by introduction of officers and recognition of service.

Door prizes are back this year! Members are encouraged to bring donations to be given as door prizes along with items donated by various vendors.

See inserted flyer for more information.
RSVP with dinner choice and payment to Frank Madrigali by December 31.

V-8s and Veterans • 9th Annual Veterans Day Luncheon

Earl & Gene Heintz hosted our 9th Annual Veterans Day Luncheon on Saturday, November 8, at Sam's of Arlington. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and super service, along with a helping of V-8 camaraderie. Tom O'Donnell had a few words to say in thanking our veterans for their service. Thanks also to Tom for the photos.

In attendance were our hosts Earl & Gene Heintz, Ron & Arlene Blum, Norm Collins & granddaughter Corrinne, Gladys Duzell, John & Robin Emmering, Terry & Kitty Friehage, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic & guest Bob Sohacki, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell, John & Barb Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, and Len Vinyard.



Eggs & Eights Breakfast By Ron Steck

It was a chilly morning with snow flurries, but we had 14 people show up for our breakfast at Butter-fields in Naperville on Sunday, November 16. Those who braved the weather were Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, John Judge, Gary Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Barb Slobodnik, Ron & Colleen Steck, and Jeff Trilling.

No V-8s were there as they are all in bed for the winter for now. Thanks to everyone for coming out. We had great food and company; we'll have to do it again sometime.



Our hosts, Colleen & Ron



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Scott, Tom, Gary, & Jeff

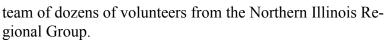


Dan, Diane, Ken, & Carolyn

2014 Central National Meet Wrap-Up

The very successful 2014 Central National Meet is in our rearview mirror. All the bills have been paid and we have been able to make donations to help support the 2015 Central National Meet in Brainerd and the 2016 Central National Meet in Tulsa, as well as add a few dollars to our Club's treasury. All the articles have been written and will appear in the Nov-Dec *V-8 Times*, due in your mailbox very soon. Also watch for a couple of surprises.

The long months of planning and on-site visitations really paid off. But the meet could not have been a success without the dedication and tireless work of the team of dozens of volunteers from the Northern Illinoi



On October 17 we had a celebration dinner at the Bohemian Crystal in Westmont to thank the "Red Badge Brigade" for their contributions to the meet. Most in attendance thought that we should not wait another 28 years to host our next meet! We had one last chance to use our scratch-offs; everyone went home with a door prize, from centerpieces to meet souvenirs.









Welcome New Members

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Russ Shmerl of Wauconda. Russ is the proud owner of a 1948 Ford Sedan Coupe, equipped with the somewhat rare 6-cylinder flathead engine (about 20% of '48 Fords came with the 6). Russ attended our October monthly meeting and joined our group and the National Club. He came back in November, so we apparently didn't scare him away! Russ has a winter/spring project to obtain required parts, get his engine running, and to make the car street worthy. We hope to see Russ, and his car, at many upcoming club events.

We also welcome Marshal and Sue Adams of Groveland, IL, near Peoria. Marshal has been a member of the Early Ford V-8 Club and of the Peoria group for over 35 years. You may have seen Marshal's beautiful '36 Coupe, right, at the Central National Meet in Springfield or his nicely restored '40 Pickup at the 2012 Branson Meet. Marshal and Sue joined us for the Great River National Tour in 2012, driving the '50 Convertible they owned at the time. They also own a '67 Mustang Convertible.



Full contact information for our new members will be included in the 2015 Roster of Members, due out early next year.

Congratulations to the newly elected NIRG Officers for 2015

President: Scott Gilday

Secretary: John Emmering

Treasurer: Joe Serritella

Board of Directors: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Gary Osborne,

and Stan Stack.

It's Road Chatter Ad Renewal Time

Do you have an ad in the *Road Chatter*? Would you like to have an ad in the *Road Chatter*? The cost is only \$25 for a black & white ad for a full year; for \$35 you can have your business card shown in full color.

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Ken Bounds 1N410 Forest Ave. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Please make checks payable to Northern Illinois Regional Group. Renewals must be received prior to December 21 to be in the January *Road Chatter*.

NOVEMBER 18 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Stan Stack

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Scott asked Joe Dispensa to introduce his guest. Joe introduced Pat Windsor who lives in Elmhurst. Pat is a Vietnam veteran and is active in the USO and in many veterans' causes.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that we have 59 members paid up for 2015 and urged those that have not yet paid to please send in their dues so they can be listed in the 2015 membership roster. Ken stated we have a new member from the Peoria area, Marshal and Sue Adams.

Midwest Director Ken Bounds gave a brief summary of the National Board Meeting conference call which was held November 8. Ken said that the Board had previously approved the 2015 Eastern National Meet to be held in Concord, NC, June 8-11. At this meeting the Board formally approved the 2015 Central National Meet to be held in Brainerd, MN, July 12-16 and the 2016 Central National Meet to be held in Tulsa, OK, June 13-17, 2016. Ken announced the results of the Officer and Board elections. Steve Lemmons will be President for another year, Mark Strohecker of California was elected Vice President, and Joyce Parsons was re-elected Secretary. All of the Board candidates who were running unopposed were elected. Ken said that the Club plans to start selling books on Amazon and that Joe Abbin of New Mexico has been added as the engine advisor for the Club.

Treasurer's Report: With Treasurer Joe Serritella wintering in Arizona, Ron Blum presented the report, showing a beginning balance \$8021.51, expenses of \$149.58, and an ending balance of \$8,400.93.

Health & Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali has just returned home from the hospital, so husband Frank gave her report:

- Alan Wall is now home from the hospital.
- Tom O'Donnell is in the hospital with blood clots.
- Condolences from the club to George Zulas, whose mother Helen passed away early this month.
- Nell Kozmic is scheduled for rotator cuff shoulder surgery December 9th.

Tour Chairman Ron Steck led the report on recent and upcoming tours:

- Twenty-eight people attended Veterans Day Lunch November 8 at Sam's of Arlington. Thanks to host Earl Heintz.
- Fourteen people attended the Eggs and Eights breakfast in Naperville November 16, hosted by Ron Steck.
- John Scheve discussed the Christmas luncheon coming up Sunday, December 7, at Jameson's Original Charhouse in Woodridge. The luncheon will include the ladies grab bag bring a gift not to exceed \$25 if you want to participate. Please get your reservation form and pay-

NOVEMBER 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

ment in by the end of the month. Please call John or Este at 630-420-0029 to let them know if you are planning to attend.

• Frank Madrigali reported that the Installation Dinner is set for Saturday, January 10, at Rockwood Tap House in Downers Grove. There will be a cocktail hour from 6 – 7 pm featuring an open bar and appetizers. Dinner begins at 7:00 pm followed by the program. Cost is \$35 per person. Door prizes will be handed out and participants are encouraged to bring a donation for a prize. Watch for details and a form in the December Road Chatter.

Joe Dispensa discussed his LaSalle Street Auto Row show scheduled for August 23 in Aurora. He and Pat Windsor are working hard to make this a great event honoring veterans with profits going to veterans' organizations; they anticipate a large number of participants and attendees. Joe is hoping that the NIRG will get involved in supporting the event. Pat Windsor is involved in the USO, Veterans welcome home, events for disabled veterans providing equipping homes for disabled veterans, escorts to Dover Air Base for soldiers lost in action, and Patriot Rider escorts. Joe is also planning to arrange a tour to Hines VA Hospital on September 13, 2015, to allow hospitalized veterans to come out and see the cars.

Now it was time for President Scott Gilday to re-open the nominations for 2015 Officers and Board members. Rather than getting more candidates, a few nominated last month declined. Stan Stack dropped from the race for Secretary since John Emmering was running. Tom O'Donnell and Jeff Trilling had to drop out of the Board contest for personal reasons. When Ron Blum agreed to run for the Board, we had a full slate and the following were elected by acclamation: President - Scott Gilday, Secretary - John Emmering, and Treasurer - Joe Serritella. Elected to the Board were Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Gary Osborne, and Stan Stack.

As members enjoyed delicious cookies baked by Carolyn Bounds, Ken set up the projector for tonight's tech talk. First was a brief movie from the UK showing the capabilities of the 1939 Ford Prefect and the 1939 Ford V-8 on a test track. This was followed by a video showing the process for balancing the rotating assembly during an engine rebuild.

Our 50-50 raffle was followed by our traditional November "turkey raffle." Ken Bounds went home \$31 richer by winning the 50-50 raffle and scored again by winning one of the two \$25 gift cards. John Slobodnik won the other \$25 card.

President Scott Gilday reminded everyone that there are no meetings scheduled for December. The next meeting will be the Board meeting January 8. All 2014 and 2015 Officers and Board members should attend this meeting. He also reminded everyone of the Christmas Luncheon on December 7, the Installation Banquet January 10, and the next regular meeting January 20, 2015. Scott wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Attendance: Rich Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa with guest Pat Windsor, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Russ Shmerl, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, and Len Vinyard.



TECH CORNER



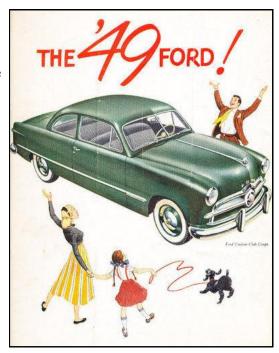
2014 is the 65th Anniversary of the 1949 Ford. We couldn't let this year get away without bringing you some interesting technical information and historical facts about this revolutionary model and contemporary world events.

Firsts

- → First independent front suspension with coil springs
- → First year with longitudinal rear springs replacing the old transverse springs
- → First year for the open driveshaft gone was the torque tube
- → First year for optional overdrive transmission
- → Unique blacklight instrument panel with luminescent dials

Technical Specifications

- → Price from \$1,333 for the 6-cyl Business Coupe to \$2,107 for the V-8 Station Wagon
- → Weight ranged from 2,871 lbs. for the 6-cyl Business Coupe to 3,531 lbs. for the V-8 Station Wagon
- → Engines 239 cubic inch Flathead V-8 rated at 100 horsepower and 226 ci 90-hp Flathead Six
- → Production totals 1,118,740; Fewest Ford Club Coupe, 4,170; Most Custom Tudor Sedan, 433,315
- → Most expensive accessory Custom radio (7 tubes) at \$83.75



Notable

- → Ford introduced the new models at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel June 10, 1948 (six weeks <u>after Mercury</u> and Lincoln)
- → The 1949s were Ford's longest production models, lasting from their June 10, 1948, introduction through mid-November 1949
- → Ford dropped the term "Deluxe" and "Super Deluxe," simply calling the base models "Ford" and the upscale models "Ford Custom"

History

- → On January 17 the first Volkswagen Beetle arrived in the United States
- → The first Emmy Awards were presented on January 25
- → On April 4 twelve nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty in New York, creating NATO
- → The play South Pacific opened on Broadway April 7
- → George Orwell's classic *Nineteen Eighty-Four* published June 8
- → On June 19 the first NASCAR "strictly stock" race is run at Charlotte Speedway
- → RCA introduced the 45 RPM record in 1949
- → On December 11 Chicago Bear QB Johnny Lujack passed for 6 touch-downs, defeating the Chicago Cardinals 52-29





10 Years Ago This Month - December 2004

The annual Christmas Brunch was held December 12 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Sadly, we could find no report of the event. The December Road Chatter listed the names of all the outgoing officers and board members along with the incoming officers for 2005, led by newly elected President Ron Dopke.

20 Years Ago This Month - December 1994

On December 11, Norm & Dolly Collins hosted the 5th Annual Christmas Brunch in Long Grove. The event was a huge success with 42 in attendance. The December 13 monthly meeting was held at Hoosier Grove Park in Streamwood, arranged by Tony Spensieri. Outgoing President Ken Bounds thanked everyone for their support over the last three years. After the meeting, Tony led a tour of the old schoolhouse.

30 Years Ago This Month - December 1984

At the December 11 monthly meeting, plans were moving forward for the 1986 Central National Meet, subject to approval by the National Board at their January 21, 1985 meeting. Lloyd Duzell was looking into raffle possibilities. Marty Duling passed along the hard luck trophy to Rich Doligale. Tom O'Donnell won \$17 in the 50-50 raffle (Tom will probably tell you this was the last time he won).

40 Years Ago This Month – December 1974

The annual NIRG Christmas Party was held December 14 at Bamberger's Restaurant in Schiller Park with 29 merry-making couples enjoying an open bar, a dinner of German food, introduction of new officers and dancing to music provided by a band. The December newsletter included a message from outgoing President Len O'Connor thanking the 67 members for a great year of club growth and activities.

Flathead Flashback

NIRG group at the Illinois Governor's Mansion on the Christmas Tour, December 12, 1972.



All I Need To Know About Life Learned From A Snowman

It's okay if you're a little bottom heavy. Hold your ground, even when the heat is on. Wearing white is always appropriate. Winter is the best of the four seasons. It takes a few extra rolls to make a good midsection. There's nothing better than a foul weather friend. The key to life is to be a jolly, happy soul. It's not the size of the carrot, but the placement that counts. We're all made up of mostly water. You know you've made it when they write a song about you. Accessorize! Accessorize! Accessorize! Avoid yellow snow. Don't get too much sun. It's embarrassing when you can't look down and see your feet. It's fun to hang out in your front yard. Always put your best foot forward. There's no stopping you once you're on a roll.

V-8 Gals

Nutter Butter Snowmen Cookies

1 package (16 oz.) Nutter Butter cookies 1 1/4 pound white candy coating, melted Miniature chocolate chips M&M miniature baking bits Pretzel sticks, Halved Orange and red decorating gel or frosting



Using tongs, dip cookies in candy coating; shake off excess. Place on waxed paper. Place two chocolate chips on one end of cookies for eyes and about 5 chips for the mouth. Place baking bits down middle for buttons. For arms, dip ends of two pretzel stick halves into coating; attach one to each side. Let stand until hardened. Pipe nose and scarf with gel or frosting.



September	October	November	December
11 Board Meeting16 Member Meeting26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	9 Board Meeting21 Member Meeting	 8 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 13 Board Meeting 16 Eggs & Eights 18 Member Meeting 	No Meetings 7 Christmas Lunch Jameson's Charhouse, Woodridge
January 8 Board Meeting 10 Installation Dinner 20 Member Meeting	February 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	March 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	April 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

FRANK NAGODE (12/3), MARY ANDERSON (12/4), LEAH DULING (12/10), DAN PUDELEK (12/10), GERALD KELLY (12/11), JANIS DIX (12/15), CAROLYN GRAMS (12/23), MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26), DON BRAUN (12/26), KITTY FREIHAGE (12/29), GAIL KARCH (12/29) & RICH ANDERSON (12/31)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6), BOB & ANGIE PALADINO (12/11), TERRY & KITTY FREIHAGE (12/19), MARTY & LEAH DULING (12/21), & TOM & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (12/27)

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Snap-on 12 volt/6 volt charger and jump start good condition, \$50.00. Tom O'Donnell, 847-991-6976.

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.

1940 ford gas tank, clean, needs tank pick-up repair. Free to good home, must pick up. Call Roger Obecny at 798-772-1925.

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.

Wanted

Wanted: Fulton sun visor brackets. Frank Koeder 847-840-7557.

Wanted: Original equipment turn signal mechanism, 1949 Ford. George Kubik 773-450-9394.

Wanted front seat for 1951 Ford Tudor. Roger Hunz, 630-402-0623.

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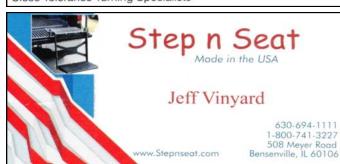
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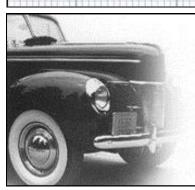
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Photo of the Month
Our hosts Gene & Earl at the V-8s & Veterans Luncheon