

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**March 7** Pioneer Turners Luncheon, Chicago. See Page 3.

**March 12** Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**March 17** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**March 27** A Night at the Races, Melrose Park. See Page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**March 8** Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks forward one hour.

**March 17** Enjoy St. Patrick's Day.

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

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**Do you have an idea for a club tour or event? Contact your Tour Chairman, Ron Steck or any other club officer. They'll be glad to help you make your tour or event a success.**

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**MEETINGS**

7:30 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.



Despite the cold, our February monthly meeting was well attended. After we all got to eat some of Carolyn Bounds' wonderful homemade cookies, we enjoyed some entertaining original advertisement videos about the 1950 Fords. You never really realize how tough our V-8s are until you get to see the paces Ford put them through.

I would like to thank Ron Steck for stepping up and agreeing to be our Tour Chairman for another year. Ron did a great job last year and ran some really fun events. We look forward to having him back.

Looking forward to this month's activities, in addition to our normal monthly meeting, Charlie Kaiser is once again hosting the annual Chicago Turners Pioneers Luncheon on Saturday the 7th. Also, Ron Blum is hosting the Night at the Races at the Maywood Park Race Track on Friday the 27th. These are always great events. Please let Charlie or Ron know if you plan on attending either.

Stay warm!

Scott Gilday,  
NIRG President

**FROM THE EDITORS**

He has done it again! When John Emmering told us last year that he had written his final article about gangsters and their association with V-8 Fords, we were sad. But we took him at his word. That was two articles ago! This month we thank John for another interesting story about the hunt for members of Clyde Barrow's gang and how V-8 Fords were part of the tale. We are probably losing count, but we think this is John's sixth article in this "series."

We were thrilled that Editor Jerry Windle chose John's November article about the 27 Millionth Ford for publication in the March-April *V-8 Times*. Be sure to watch the Road Chatter next month - John just may have another surprise for us. Gangsters? Fords? You'll have to wait and see.



Ken & Carolyn

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Saturday, March 7 - Pioneer Turners Luncheon

When: Saturday, March 7 - 1:00 pm

Where: Café Prague, 6710 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago

Featuring: Giant Corned Beef Sandwiches

Host: Charles Kaiser



Charles R. Kaiser is once again hosting the Pioneer Turners luncheon at Café Prague in Chicago. The lunch, featuring giant corned beef sandwiches and potato pancakes is only \$12, drinks extra.

Several members signed up at the February meeting; if you plan to attend and have not signed up, **please call Charles right away at 773-334-6277 and let him know if you plan to attend** so they can have adequate supplies for us.

Café Prague is located at 6710 West Belmont Avenue in Chicago, 2 miles north of North Ave and 4.8 miles east of Mannheim Rd. Charlie plans to show a video about some of the collections in Auburn, Indiana. Come and join your fellow members for some V-8 fun.

### A Night at the Races – Friday Evening, March 27



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 “Players Buffet” at 6:30 pm – first race at 7:10.

***Full Buffet served from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm • 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 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 at 847-650-7059 and let him know if you plan to attend, or you can sign up at the March 17 monthly meeting.**

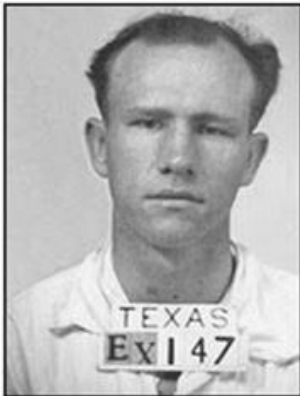
## Ford V-8 Coupe Ambushed at McKinney, Texas In the Hunt for Remnants of Clyde Barrow's Gang

By John Emmering

Speeding up Texas Highway 75 through freezing rain the 1935 Ford V-8 Coupe suddenly slowed as the driver, prison escapee Raymond Hamilton, made the turn onto the unpaved Weston cutoff, near the town of McKinney. Earlier on that day of February 24, 1935, Hamilton and his partner Ralph Fults, former members of Clyde Barrow's gang, had stolen the coupe in Oklahoma. They were now heading for a rendezvous with two bootleggers named Royce and Lewis. The bootleggers were holding a load of Browning Automatic rifles and ammunition that Hamilton and Fults had stolen in a night time burglary of the National Guard Armory in Beaumont, Texas on February 16. The isolated and seldom traveled roadway seemed a perfect place to transfer the stolen rifles and ammunition. When the bootlegger's car was nowhere to be found Fults smelled a trap and as the V-8 Ford approached a culvert, he told Hamilton, "Step on it we better get out of here!"



Both sides of the roadway lit up with gunfire, as Hamilton downshifted to accelerate. With the



Raymond Hamilton and Ralph Fults

accelerator floored the V-8 began to move out but not quickly enough to evade a volley of bullets striking the rear of the Ford as it sped away. Most of the bullets passed between Hamilton and Fults, although Hamilton suffered a grazing wound to the forehead. Tubes inside the dash radio exploded as well as the rearview mirror and accessory clock as a hail of bullets struck them. Glass flew everywhere and bullets struck fenders, side panels and doors. Fults grabbed his Browning automatic rifle and returned fire through the shattered rear window. The Ford V-8 Coupe's interior was a ruined mess and the gas tank sprung a leak.

In search of another car further down the highway Hamilton forced a Model "T" Ford off of the road. Instead of switching to the Model "T" Hamilton and Fults took the driver, L.B. Harlow along with them in the V-8 as a hostage. When a Ford Model "A" Coupe approached, driven by 16 year old J.C. Loftice, Hamilton flagged down the coupe and told Loftice to move over as he and Fults joined him in the front seat. Harlow was assigned to the rumble seat where he hung on for dear life. The isolated farm house of Bill Mayes and his family near Weston was chosen as an overnight refuge. Hamilton and Fults forced the Mayes family to put them and their hostages up for the night and feed them. In the morning after learning the family had a 1929 Chevrolet sedan the bandits forced Bill's son Roy to drive them and the hostages to Ft. Worth to evade the local police manhunt.

Marguerite's Café in Ft. Worth was the first stop. Fults picked up five bacon and egg sandwiches for the group before starting a hunt for a new car. On a residential street a new 1935 Ford V-8 sedan was spotted warming up in a driveway, left unattended for a few moments by the proud owner Earl Penix. The car had only 400 miles on it and was still being broken in. Hamilton bounded from the Chevrolet and slid behind the wheel of the new V-8, backing out of the driveway and darting off with the Chevrolet following behind.





Constable John Record

Parting ways with the hostages and their Chevrolet, Hamilton and Fults decided to head due north in the new Ford V-8 to avoid the swarms of Texas lawmen hunting them. Even as the criminals fled, criticism of the botched ambush at McKinney was being voiced from as high up as the Governor's office. Allegations were made that McKinney Constable John Record had a friendly relationship with the bootleggers, who had informed on Hamilton and Fults. It was further alleged, that Record had hoped to make a name for himself by killing Hamilton and Fults in the ambush without the help of other agencies and use his fame to win election to the office of Collin County Sheriff.

Traveling all the way up to Minnesota, Fults and Hamilton robbed a bank. After the robbery the pair was caught in a snowstorm and was marooned on a rural highway, forced to burn maps and newspaper to keep warm after the Ford's heater fan burned out. The experience convinced them to return to Texas.

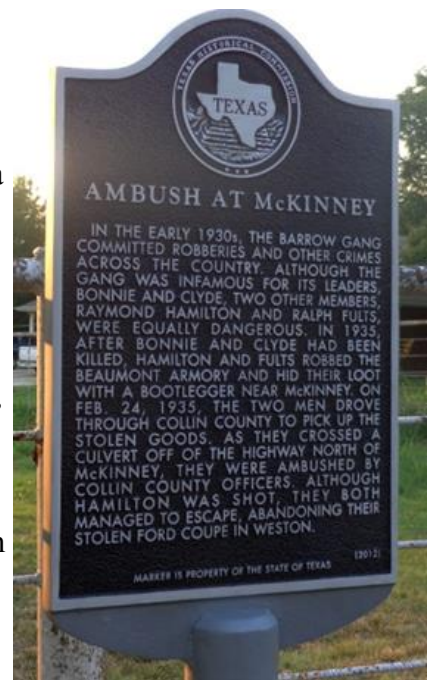
The first order of business back in Texas was a long desired meeting with reporter Harry McCormick, a muckraker who had exposed the brutality of the 1930's Texas prison system. Two female acquaintances helped set up the meeting. McCormick met the pair near Houston and drove out into the country with them. One of the girls followed in McCormick's car, also a Ford V-8. Hamilton and Fults gave the



reporter an interview and Hamilton explained how he had escaped the death house at Huntsville Prison. He also asked him to pass on some money to a lawyer for a friend's defense. To keep McCormick out of trouble for harboring felons, Hamilton tied McCormick up in his car to make it look like they had kidnaped him and left a full set of his fingerprints on the windshield of the reporter's V-8.

After a harrowing escape from a final bank robbery in Prentiss, Mississippi on March 28, Fults and Hamilton parted ways in Memphis, Tennessee on March 30, 1935. They abandoned another 1935 Ford V-8 coupe stolen in Mississippi and headed for the Memphis Train station. Fults boarded a passenger train to Louisville, Kentucky while Hamilton chose to hop a freight train to Dallas.

On the way to Dallas Hamilton befriended a young hobo named Noland and asked him to bring a message to Hamilton's Mother. Nolan was picked up by police during his errand and led them to Hamilton in the Railroad yard. When Fults heard news of the apprehension he headed back to Texas to help his friend, but he was soon captured himself after a police pursuit. 21 year old Hamilton was put to death May 10, 1935 at Huntsville Prison, charged with the death of prison guard Major Crowson during an escape. Fults was extradited to Mississippi and avoided plotted retribution from the Texas Prison System. Ralph Fults' story had a more pleasant ending than Hamilton's. Fults was paroled in 1944 and received a full pardon in 1954. He married, had three children, converted to Christianity and was employed by the Buckner Baptist Home for Boys in Texas. He was very active in the movement to rehabilitate offenders and died at age 82 in 1993. Hamilton and Fults had been pretty ruthless characters in their day but you have to give them credit for one thing; they had a very deep appreciation of Ford V-8's, even though they never paid for one.





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February 24, 2015

### **Summary of the February 3-4 Face-to-Face Meeting of the Board of Directors**

#### Midwest Director

This year is the second year of my second three-year term as Midwest Director. Since the Club By-Laws limit Directors to two consecutive terms, this means that in just one year we will need a candidate to replace me in 2017. One year is not that far away! If you or any member you know would like to serve the Club at the National level, please contact me for information about submitting a resume.

#### National Officers

At our Board meeting we swore in the new officer team for 2015: Steve Lemmons - National President, Mark Strohecker - Vice President, and Joyce Parsons - Secretary. They were joined by new Directors Reuben Doggett – California/Southwest 1, Bruce Nelson – North Central, and Michael Driskell – Central.

#### Technical Books

Progress continues on the '40 Ford book, the '49-'51 Mercury book, and the Flathead Engine book. All Club technical books are now available directly from the Club and on Amazon.

#### National Meets

I hope to see many of you at one of our two National Meets this year. Plans are progressing well for the Eastern National Meet in Concord, North Carolina, June 8-11 and the Central National Meet in Brainerd, Minnesota, July 12-16. Detailed information and registration forms are available on the National website. In addition, you can register for the Central Meet online at <http://www.efv8cnm2015.org/>.

Over the past few years, the Board has been actively pursuing ways to reduce the financial burdens on Regional Groups that host National Meets. At the meeting, the Board made the decision to no longer charge the meet hosts for the cost of National trophies (Dearborn and Rouge plaques and medallions). This is in addition to decisions in recent years to increase the “seed-money” loan amount to \$5,000, to pay up to \$2,000 for the cost of the Judges’ breakfast, and to eliminate the requirement to furnish complimentary hotel rooms to National officials required to attend the meets.

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75th Anniversary Program

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program continues this year, celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1940 Ford and Mercury. Collectible license plate tabs will be presented to members showing these vehicles at a National Meet or driving them on a National Tour in 2015.

General Counsel

We are pleased to report that the Board has appointed John Rumely as Legal Adviser to the Club, replacing Mark Jones who stepped down after several years of outstanding service.

National Chief Judge

The Board has appointed John McBurney for a second 3-year term as National Chief Judge. Deputy National Chief Judge (Central) Jerry Vincentini has stepped down after many years of service. I'm pleased (and honored) to report that yours truly has been selected to replace Jerry.

Regional Directors and Officers Liability Insurance

In 2011 we told you about a program available from the National Club's insurance carrier to protect Regional Directors and Officers. This is not a physical damage policy and is different from the Certificate of Insurance that is available for club events. The purpose is to protect Directors and Officers in the event of litigation they may face due to decisions they have made in running their group. This is an optional annual policy and must be applied and paid for by November. If your club has previously secured this insurance, you should be receiving annual invoices directly from the carrier.

I wanted to let you know that the cost of the policy has now been cut in half to \$100 per year and that the application process has been greatly streamlined. Please let me know if you need any more information or if your Regional Group is interested in this coverage.

A special thank you goes out to San Antonio Regional Group #71 for hosting our face-to-face meeting at San Antonio's historic Gunter Hotel. After our meeting, our hosts took us on a tour of the Warrior & Family Support Center (WFSC) and the Center for the Intrepid at the Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston. This was a moving experience for us and we are truly grateful.

Please share the information in this letter with your membership. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the information at the top of this letter.



Ken Bounds  
Midwest Director



**FEBRUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by John Emmering

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership stands at 83. Ken mentioned that we have new members Thomas and Florence Pinn of Lockport who own a very nice 1936 Ford Deluxe Fordor. An announcement appeared in the February Road Chatter along with a photo of the '36 Fordor. Ken announced that 2015 membership rosters were available to all members free of charge and additional copies are \$2 each. Also Ken offered 2015 NIRG V-8 calendars for \$5 each.



Midwest Director Ken Bounds also presented an update on news about the National Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Ken recently attended the national board meeting earlier in February, which lasted two full days. A big announcement coming out of the meeting is that the National Club will no longer charge regional groups for national trophies used in national meets. This was done to lower the cost of sponsoring a meet. Ken continued with news about national judges; John McBurney was reappointed National Chief Judge. Jerry Vincentini has stepped down as Central National Chief Judge and Ken Bounds himself was appointed to that position. Ken also reported that the National Club would begin to regularly report *audited* financial results in the *V-8 Times*. Also next year the face to face meeting will be held in Phoenix and any member may attend. The upcoming 2015 National meets were discussed:

- Central National Meet in Brainerd, Minnesota sponsored by the Twin Cities Regional Group July 12-16 at Cragun's Resort. About ten members so far expressed an interest in traveling the 530 miles to the Brainerd Meet. On-line registration or see Ken Bounds for forms.
- Eastern National Meet in Concord North Carolina. June 8-11. Conventional registration now open and again see Ken. Two of the members present expressed an interest in attending.

Ron Blum gave the Treasurer's report for Joe Serritella who is out of town. Ron reported that our opening balance was \$18,026, income for the month \$260, expenses \$143, leaving a balance of \$18,143.

Health and Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali gave a shout out to Alan Wall who was in attendance. Alan said that he is on the mend, recovering and doing a lot of exercise and walking much better. It was also reported that Jack Nikolich had knee replacement surgery and is recovering well.

Scott Gilday once again took the floor and reviewed future events on the horizon.

- Charlie Kaiser's Chicago Pioneer Turners Lunch Sat. March 7 at the Café Prague, 6710 W. Belmont, Chicago.
- Ron Blum's event, Night at the Races, Friday March 27 at Maywood Park Racetrack 8600 W. North Ave, Melrose Park. Buffet starts at 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Pizza Meeting Tuesday April 21, possibly at Roundheads in Lombard pending conflict with sports playoffs.
- Eggs and Eights tentatively planned for Sunday April 26, Egg Harbor Geneva.
- Spring Fling in Newton, Kansas Memorial Day weekend. Ken Bounds will attend and can give any interested parties full information on the 687 mile trip.
- Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group to Dayton, Ohio July 30- Aug. 2.
- Early Ford V-8 Foundation MotorFest 6, Auburn, IN Aug. 26-29.



**FEBRUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**

Scott reported that no events were held in February 2015 and again addressed the need for a member to serve as tour chairman. Ken Bounds expressed his desire to sponsor a drive down to Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno to display our cars to the veterans or if we cannot arrange that possibly holding a safety check in spring, or other event. Tom O'Donnell brought up a possible activity, a tour of the Peabody Mansion in Oak Brook.

Jeff Trilling suggested a future Eggs and Eights at his favorite eatery, the Red Apple Restaurant, 2121 S Plum Grove Rd, Palatine. Also Jeff suggested that our NIRG might plan to meet one Friday night in the summer months at the Meadows Christian Fellowship Cruise Night at 2401 Kirchhoff Rd. in Rolling Meadows. Jeff said that there is normally a very large turnout of antique and special interest cars. Ron Steck also mentioned that he hoped to encourage club participation once again in the Riverview Ford car show in Oswego this June. Ron will supply more information as it is available.

Under new business Tom O'Donnell moved that we hold a vote to determine if the membership would like to designate a financial contribution to the Early Ford Foundation. While the motion did not receive a second, there was some discussion. Members broke for a coffee break followed by the viewing of several vintage 1950 Ford TV Commercials demonstrating the car's performance under extreme test conditions. Also a video demonstrating the optional overdrive offered in the 1950 Fords was enjoyed by those present.

Dan Pudelek was declared winner of the 50-50 raffle carrying home the winning purse of \$21.00. The meeting was closed by President Scott Gilday at 9:20 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Russ Shmerl, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling and Alan & Lois Wall.

**MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS****Tuesday, April 21 - Annual Pizza Meeting**

Mark your calendars now for the annual pizza meeting. This is one of our largest gatherings of the year and all members, spouses, and guests are invited. We are tentatively planning to hold this event at Roundhead's of Lombard, depending on NBA and NHL playoff schedules.

**Sunday, April 26 - Eggs & Eights Breakfast, Geneva**

John & Robin Emmering will be hosting an Eggs & Eights breakfast at Egg Harbor Restaurant in Geneva. By then the weather should be nice enough to drive your Early V-8! More details in the April Road Chatter.

**July 31 - August 2 - Fifth Annual Joint Tour with Northern Ohio Regional Group**

This year we will be visiting Dayton, Ohio with our friends from Northern Ohio. Jack & Sharon Bukszar have planned an interesting trip with visits to some must-see sites. Complete information was in the March Road Chatter. You should make your hotel reservation now at the Doubletree Hotel, 937-436-2400. The rate of \$94 per night includes a full breakfast. Ask for the "Early Ford" rate.



## TECH CORNER



Since this year is the 75th Anniversary of the 1940 Ford Motor Company vehicles, we wanted to feature some of the 14 anniversary vehicles owned by our members and let you know when stories about them appeared in the Road Chatter. (Hint: we would like to see stories about the rest of them!)



**Ford Standard Tudor - George Zulas**  
February 2015 Road Chatter  
# Built 150,933 • Factory Price \$701



**Ford Pickup - Ron Steck**  
January 2015 Road Chatter  
# Built 33,397 • Factory Price \$619



**Mercury Sedan Coupe - Tom O'Donnell**  
May 2007 Road Chatter  
# Built 15,107 • Factory Price \$960



**Ford Standard Tudor - Ron Dopke**  
May 1974 "Newsletter"  
# Built 150,933 • Factory Price \$701



**Ford DeLuxe Tudor**  
Roger Obecný  
# Built 171,368 • Factory Price \$765



**Ford DeLuxe Fordor**  
Ron Blum  
# Built 25,545 • Factory Price \$747



**Ford DeLuxe Coupe**  
Bill Valters  
# Built 27,919 • Factory Price \$722



**Lincoln Continental Convertible**  
Bob Magnusson  
# Built 351 • Factory Price \$2,916



**Ford Pickup**  
Marshal Adams  
# Built 33,397 • Factory Price \$619

Not shown are other 1940 Ford vehicles owned by our members, including John Ellis - 1940 Ford Convertible, Ed Karch - 1940 Ford DeLuxe Coupe, Pete McManus - 1940 Ford Business Coupe, and George Zulas - 1940 DeLuxe Tudor. For a photo of Sam Van Bruggen's Standard Coupe, please see the back cover.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – March 2005

At the March 15 monthly meeting, President Ron Dopke discussed various tour ideas for the upcoming V-8ing year. One was a trip to a B-17 restoration in Marengo; another was a trip to Historic Auto Attractions museum in Roscoe, a third, suggested by Charles Kaiser was a tour of the Sanfilippo Foundation's *Place de la Musique* in Barrington Hills. Ken Bounds discussed the upcoming Eastern National Meet in Hiawassee, Georgia.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – March 1995

At the March 21 monthly meeting Ed Fontana gave a report on the World of Wheels show March 3-5 at McCormick Place. Ed and Paul Goschi each received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place and John Pater won a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Most of the business at the meeting was upcoming tours scheduled for the year, including a large group planning to attend the Central National Meet in Nashville in July. It was reported that Editor Diane Wrobel received 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the annual newsletter contest for the Road Chatter.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – March 1985

The March Road Chatter included a letter from National Director Charles Seims announcing that the Road Chatter had won 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the newsletter competition. At the March 12 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Joe Novak introduced new member Bob Magnusson. Much of the discussion at the meeting centered around the just-announced 1986 Central National Meet. Members learned that Lloyd Duzell had purchased a 1939 Ford Standard Fordor Sedan to be used as a raffle car.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – March 1975

The March newsletter welcomed new members Barrett & Marsha MacGregor and Ray & Karen Tognarelli. Ray would become NIRG President two years later and was responsible for naming the Road Chatter and designing its logo in 1979.

### Flathead Flashback

**Our group at the Rockford Clock Tower Tour, March 25, 1990. Photo from the Marty Duling collection.**





# V-8 Gals

Welcome to March, a time for the wearing of the green and for at least one day we are all Irish. We enjoy the traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage. However there is one Irish staple that seems to be missing from the traditional St. Paddy's day meal, Irish Soda Bread. There is a lot of history behind the bread. There is even an Irish Soda Bread Society. This month's V-8 Gals is a shout out to Irish Soda Bread. I hope you enjoy!

## The Story behind Irish Soda Bread

Contrary to popular belief, soda bread did not originate with the Irish. It originated with the Native Americans before European colonization. Native Americans made "soda bread" using ash (a forerunner to baking soda) instead of traditional leavening agents like yeast. Soda bread was adopted in Ireland in the 1800s due to increased poverty and hunger after the potato famine. Irish soda bread required few ingredients, making it an economical choice for staple breads. Baking soda also produced a more consistent result for increased efficiency and reduced waste during those trying times. Original Irish soda bread recipes contained nothing more than flour, buttermilk, baking soda, and salt. Legend has it that, in some areas of Ireland, a cross was cut on the top of the Irish soda bread with a knife to ward off the devil and protect the household.

Families generally had kitchens with open hearths instead of ovens, so the soda breads that developed were baked on griddles or in iron pots. This resulted in a loaf that was dense, slightly sour, and with a hard crust. Today's versions sometimes include ingredients like butter, sugars, raisins, or seeds to enhance flavor. Traditional Irish soda bread is heartier than most yeast breads. Irish soda bread pairs well with soups and stews.

<http://www.irishindeed.com/page.htm?pg=SODA-BREAD>

## Amazingly Easy Irish Soda Bread

4 cups all-purpose flour	1/2 cup margarine, softened
4 tablespoons white sugar	1 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda	1 egg
1 tablespoon baking powder	1/4 cup butter, melted
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/4 cup buttermilk



Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

In a large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, salt and margarine. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on prepared baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Amazingly-Easy-Irish-Soda-Bread/Detail.aspx?evt19=1&referringHubId=1452>



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>January</b> 8 Board Meeting 10 Installation Dinner 20 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>March</b> 7 Turners Luncheon 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 27 Night at the Races	<b>April</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Pizza Meeting 26 Eggs & Eights, Geneva
<b>May</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22-25 Spring Fling, Wichita	<b>June</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	<b>July</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 30-31 Joint Tour to Dayton, OH with NORG	<b>August</b> 1-2 Joint Tour to Dayton, OH with NORG 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 26-29 Motorfest 6
<b>September</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 25-27 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 7 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings



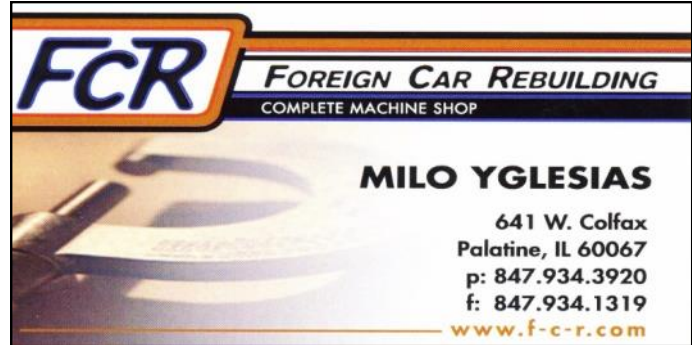
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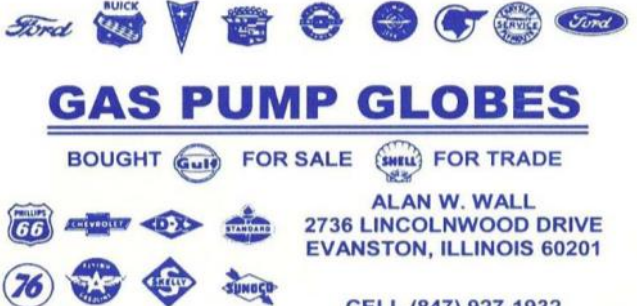


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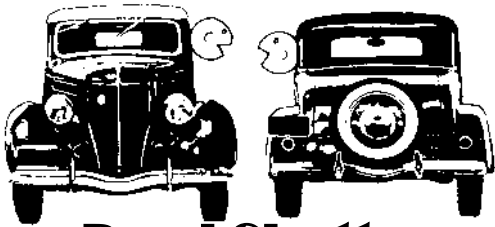
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