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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

November 7 Veterans Day Luncheon- see page 3.

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

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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

November 1 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

November 14 - 15 Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot-Machine & Jukebox Show, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Admission \$7.

November 26 Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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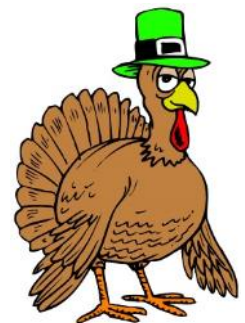
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Elections will be held at the November meeting. There will be another round of nominations to ensure that we have a full slate of officers for 2016. We need you to come to the meeting and cast your vote for our club's future. We will also have our traditional November turkey drawing for two \$25 gift certificates! Plan to attend.

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Newsletter

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Ken Bounds

Joe Dispensa

Gary Osborne

Stan Stack

MEETINGS

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

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to November and election month. We had a great turnout at our meeting last month where we held our officer nominations. Hopefully, we'll have a great turnout again this month for the voting. We have a number of candidates running for positions, so please come out and vote. And please remember, you can still nominate people this month as well. Every vote counts!



Looking back at October, I would first like to thank Tom O'Donnell for hosting our fall colors tour at the Mayslake Peabody estate in Oak Brook. A number of V-8ers took advantage of the beautiful day to see the estate, tour the mansion and have a nice lunch.

I would also like to thank Tom for hosting an informative tech talk on vacuum windshield wipers. Tom provided a thorough presentation of how these clever devices work and how to repair and maintain them. In doing this, he also shared a great story on the history of the vacuum wiper and had sample units to share with the group.

During the meeting the lucky attendees also received a very special gift from the club – a free V-8 Album and the EFV8 Club recipe book. If you didn't get yours, they will be available again at the November meeting.

Looking forward to November, on the 7th Earl and Gene Heintz and Ken Bounds will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day Lunch at Sam's of Arlington Heights. Please join your fellow V-8ers for this great lunch and show your support for our veterans.

I look forward to seeing you at our events and meeting this month. Please remember we need your vote! Finally, be sure to come to the meeting for our traditional turkey raffle.

Scott Gilday
NIRG President

Save the Date!**Annual Installation Dinner – Saturday, January 16**

The annual installation dinner will be held January 16 at the Rockwood Tap House in Downers Grove, hosted by Frank & Phyllis Madrigali. More details will be provided in the December Road Chatter. Frank is working out details and is trying to keep the cost close to the price from last year. Plan now to attend!

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



V-8's and Veterans

A LUNCHEON TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES

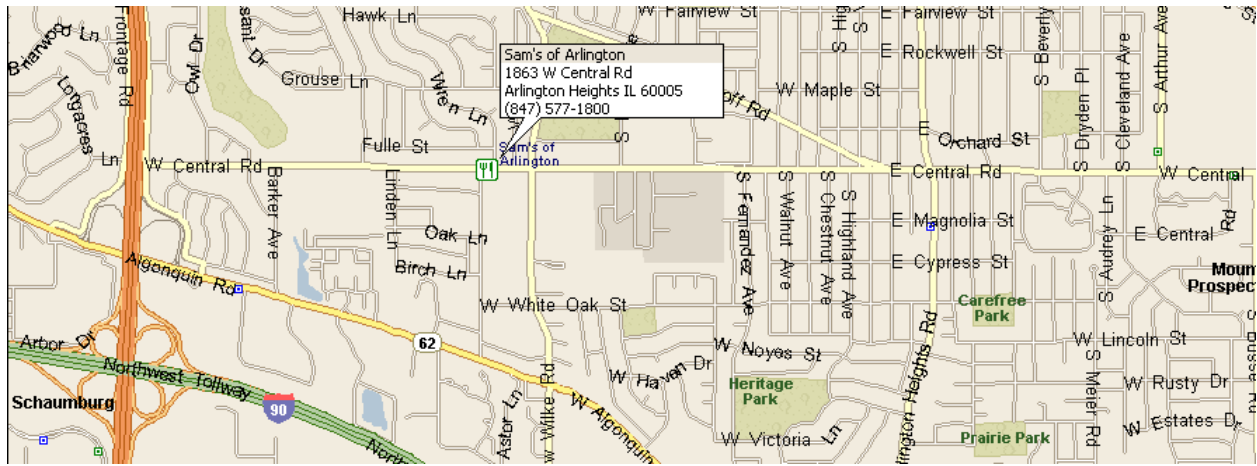
November 7, 2015 – 12:00 noon

Sam's of Arlington

1863 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights



Everyone is invited to get together for lunch for Veterans Day on Saturday November 8 at 12:00 noon. Hosted by Earl & Gene Heintz. Please call Earl or Ken Bounds by November 2 if you plan to attend so we can provide a count to the restaurant. Modern iron is welcome, but if the weather is nice, why not bring out that V-8 one more time! Just an informal lunch to say “Thank You” to our Veterans.



Annual Christmas Luncheon – Sunday, December 6

Please join us for the NIRG Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, December 6, 2015 at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant. Again we will enjoy a bountiful lunch at one of our favorite restaurants. We will be served a delicious family style, all we can eat luncheon. There will be a cash bar available. Ladies can participate in the optional “grab bag” gift exchange – maximum cost, \$25 please.

Bohemian Crystal Restaurant is located at 639 N. Blackhawk Drive in Westmont, just north of Ogden Avenue, one mile west of Route 83, about 2¼ miles south of I-88.

Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details; please tear off the bottom portion and send in your check by November 28 at the latest so that the restaurant can accommodate us with enough seating for everyone. You can also pay John Scheve at one of the November events.

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. We know you will enjoy the meal and the V-8 fellowship. Please plan to attend.



Fall Color Tour to Mayslake Peabody Estate By Tom O'Donnell

October 11, 2015, was the best Sunday in October. It was a very nice warm and sunny day. Madeleine, her cousin Arlene, Arlene's husband David Lodrick and I drove in my 1953 Lincoln to the Town and Country Mall where we met Ron Blum in his 1940 Fordor, Ron Dopke and Bernice in a modern Ford, and Gladys Duzell and Kitty & Terry Freihage in the Freihage's 57 SkyLiner. We drove along Arlington Heights road for a while to enjoy the fall colors. The colors were not at their peak, but we did see some nice yellows and reds.

We arrived at the Peabody Mansion slightly before 10:00 AM where we met Carolyn and Ken Bounds, 51 Mercury, Judy and Tom Buscaglia, 51 Ford, Marie and Joe Dispensa, 50 Ford, Robin and John Emmering, 51 Ford, Kathy Larson, modern, Millie Olds and Joe Novak, 53 Merc, new member Lou Prazza, 49 Ford, Diane and Dan Pudelek, modern and Delice and Joe Serritella, modern. We talked for a while in the parking lot before heading to the front entrance of the mansion where a group photo was taken.

We were given a brief introduction to the mansion and its history by the Park District manager of the property and then split into two groups for the guided tour. These tours usually last about 60 minutes, but there was so much interest in the docents' presentations that our groups took around 2 hours. The mansion is still being restored and is not fur-



Sharing the latest news



Some of the cars



More of the cars



Chapel built after Mr. Peabody's passing



Some of the beautiful colors

nished in most rooms. Mr. Peabody only lived in the Mansion a few months before he had a fatal heart attack, so there are few photographs of the interior when he lived in it.

After the interior tour, we looked around the grounds before leaving for lunch at Bakersfield in Westmont. I received many compliments on the weather (sunny and near 80 degrees, not my fault), the interesting talks by the docents and the good food at Bakersfield. I was suffering from a bad cold and sinus infection, so we headed home early.

Thanks to everyone who came and made the tour a success.



Welcome Back to a Returning Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Lou Prazza of Glen Ellyn. Lou is the proud owner of a 1949 Ford Tudor and a 1950 Ford Tudor, along with a '38 Buick Special and a '49 Cadillac Limousine. Lou, a long-time member of the National Club, was a member of our group about 10 years ago. We are glad that Lou was able to join us on the Fall Tour. We welcome you back and hope to see you at upcoming meetings and events.



2016 Dues are Due

Members should have received a renewal form in last month's issue. Please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. If you want to receive the printed edition of the Road Chatter through the mail, dues are just \$25 per year. However, if you elect to receive the Road Chatter through e-mail only (no paper copy) the dues are only \$15 per year. Please be sure to indicate your selection on the renewal form. You can return the form with your payment to the membership chairman at the address shown on the form or bring them to the next meeting.



1936 Public Enemy #1, Alvin “Creepy” Karpis Lost His Ford V-8 and Then His Freedom

By John Emmering

Canadian born Alvin Karpis grew up in Topeka, Kansas where he strayed from work in his father’s bakery to crime. Befriending Freddie Barker in the Kansas State prison, Karpis joined Ma Barker’s family of criminals upon release. Karpis staged the longest running career of any 1930’s outlaw, from 1931 through 1936, often bringing him behind the wheel of a Ford V-8.



Peering through the Hudson’s windshield as he drove south on Chicago’s LaSalle St. in the first minutes of September 22, 1933, public enemy Alvin Karpis spied the Federal Reserve Bank building on his right. Pulling to the curb Karpis and three of his partners in crime, Ma Barker’s son Freddie Barker, “Shotgun” George Ziegler and Bryan Bolton paused for scant seconds. Soon two messengers and two armed guards appeared out of the darkness pushing carts up from the post office as was their nightly custom. The carts contained two large sacks presumed by the gang to be currency for deposit in the Bank.

In accordance with the gang’s plan, a Dodge automobile driven by Freddie’s brother “Doc” and parked in front of the Hudson began to bellow smoke covering the scene. Freddie and Zeigler exited the Hudson and drew machine guns down on the four unsuspecting victims, disarming the guards and collecting the two large sacks. They then rushed back to the Hudson sedan which took off south on LaSalle Street, turned right on Jackson Street and then shot north on Franklin and left at Adams, crossing the Chicago River. The Hudson had been specially modified to look like a Cook County State’s Attorney Investigator’s car with red and green lenses on the headlights and attempted to pass traffic on the left. At Halstead Street a Ford coupe failed to yield to the fleeing robbers and collided with the Hudson head-on.

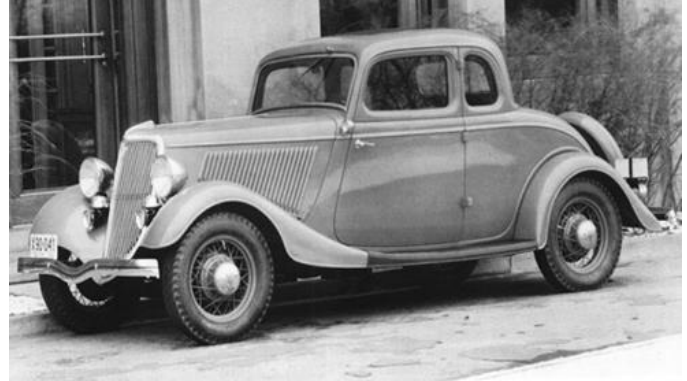
The loud crash attracted Chicago policemen Miles Cunningham and Maurice Fitzgerald who had just begun their midnight shift tour on foot patrol. Fitzgerald dashed toward the Ford coupe and Cunningham approached the Hudson to offer assistance. Exiting the Hudson with his machine gun blazing, gangster Bryan Bolton’s bullets fatally stuck Officer Cunningham, 35, married father of 3, who became the 12th Chicago Police officer to be killed on duty in 1933. Commandeering a Buick at gunpoint the gang raced away from the accident scene. A glance at the Buick’s fuel gauge showed only a quarter tank of gasoline remaining. Needing a new car with more fuel the robbers piled out of the Buick and forced a motorist stopped in traffic out of his new 1933 Ford V-8 DeLuxe Fordor. Hopping into the Ford V-8 the gang sped back to their hideout, an old tavern they had purchased north of Elmhurst, Illinois. The robbers were dismayed to find that all they had stolen were two bags of mail and lots of checks that could not be cashed. The DeLuxe Fordor V-8 was soon wiped clean and abandoned, and the Barker-Karpis gang had lost their valuable modified Hudson. They were now hotter than ever.



The gang’s next major move after the unsuccessful robbery was to travel north to St. Paul, Minnesota in January 1934 to commit their second kidnapping. Having successfully kidnapped William Hamm earlier in 1933, netting a \$100,000 ransom, the gang decided to try it again and kidnapped millionaire banker Edward Bremer, holding him in Bensenville, IL. After collecting \$200,000 in ransom, Karpis and the

Barkers released Bremer and split up. Karpis left the Chicago area for Cleveland, Ohio where he bought a new 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe and continued his spree of robberies. In January 1935 Karpis drove the V-8 down south to see Ma and Freddie Barker. Ma and Freddie were hiding out in a rented home in Lake Weir, Florida. After a short visit Karpis left for a south Florida vacation.

The location of the Barker's Florida hideout was compromised when the FBI arrested "Doc" Barker in Chicago on January 8, 1935. Agents found a letter among Doc's possessions from Ma Barker which



Capture of Alvin Karpis

mentioned an alligator in a nearby lake as "Gator Joe". Locating a bar and grill called "Gator Joe's" on Lake Weir and hearing tales of the legendary alligator in the lake, the FBI agents scoured the area until the Barker's rented cottage was located. On the fateful morning of January 15, 1935 fifteen agents descended on the Barker's lake house. When the agents' orders to surrender were met by Freddie's machine gun blasts the FBI men opened fire on the house. After a 10 minute gun battle Freddie and Ma's bodies were found by agents lying in a bedroom, a machine gun between them.

Karpis later made a trip to Miami Beach, staying at the Commodore Hotel. When Karpis left in a hurry to avoid FBI agents who had traced his location, he left his 1934 Ford Coupe behind. Not knowing what to do with the V-8 Ford Coupe, agents brought

the matter to a Federal Judge who authorized a seizure of the car. The Ford coupe was turned over to the FBI and instead of use in committing crimes the coupe was utilized by agents in their mission to catch criminals.

More cunning than the Barkers, Karpis evaded capture and continued his crime spree. In mid-1935 Karpis planned a train robbery in Garrettsville, Ohio. Speaking about his choice of a getaway car Karpis said "*I wanted a four-door Ford V-8 sedan because it has fast pickup. You could take off in it like a plane*". The trail ended on May 1, 1936 when the FBI tracked Karpis to New Orleans, Louisiana. Director J. Edgar Hoover himself was credited with his arrest as Karpis sat with partner Fred Hunter, in not a Ford V-8, but a 1936 Plymouth Coupe. Karpis served 33 years, 26 of them on Alcatraz, becoming its longest resident. After his release in 1969 Karpis authored two books about his experiences. When asked by the FBI after his arrest what they should do with his 1936 Plymouth, Karpis said "*Give it to my father. By the time I get out of prison it will be out of style.*"



Arsenal in Karpis' 1936 Plymouth

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. Scott announced that there would be nominations for officers and the board; the election to be held at the November 17 meeting. Scott also announced that special gifts would be passed out to all in attendance during the break.



Ken Bounds gave a membership report stating that our membership stands at 87. Ken announced that our newest member is Lou Prazza, who was a member from 2000-2005 and now is back in our ranks. Lou has a pair of Ford Tudors, 1949 and 1950 and brought the '49 along on our fall tour. Ken informed us that so far he had received 49 membership renewals for 2016 and encouraged anyone who has not yet renewed to do so.

Continuing with national news of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, Ken, the Midwest Director, informed us that the National Club will hold its last board meeting of the year on November 14. The results of the national director's election will be announced, as well as the new officers for 2016.

- June 12 – June 16, 2016, Central National Meet - Tulsa, Oklahoma – Sponsored by Tulsa Regional Group #39 and headquartered at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Tulsa.
- August 8 – August 11, 2016, Eastern National Meet - Gettysburg PA – Sponsored by National Capital Regional Group #36. Headquartered at the Wyndham Hotel.

Ken suggested that those interested in attending a national meet get their registration in before the end of the year to assure a room reservation. Ken can help with registration forms or go to our website: www.nirgv8.org.

Ron Blum gave the treasurer's report prepared by Joe Serritella who is wintering in Arizona. Expenses were reported as \$45.00 for meeting hall rental, and \$123.00 for the newsletter. Income of \$27.00 from the 50-50 raffle, \$50.00 from classified ads, and \$305.00 from payment of dues was reported. Net income after expenses at the time of the report was \$214.00.

Health and Welfare Chairperson Phyllis Madrigali gave her update on members: John Slobodnik has undergone prostate surgery and is home recovering. John Judge is still in a lot of pain due to his broken hip and may need a hip replacement. JoAnn Stack will learn how her broken foot is healing this week.

Tour Chairman Ron Steck took the floor and gave his report on recent and upcoming tours & events.

- Ken Bounds reported on the enjoyable time everyone participating had on the 8th Annual NIRG Poker Run which took place September 25-27. Ken recounted that the weather was great with temperatures in the upper 70's. Highlights of the rally were the visits to the Wisconsin Wagon Co., Tallman House and Rotary Botanical Gardens all in Janesville.
- Tom O'Donnell recounted the fall colors tour he sponsored on October 11 to the Mayslake Peabody Mansion. About 26 members participated, most driving their Ford V-8's. Tom said the tour gave an interesting history of the Peabody Family and everyone enjoyed lunch at the Bakersfield Restaurant.
- The Veterans Day Luncheon will be held Saturday November 7th at 12:00 noon at Sam's of Arlington, 1863 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights. Sponsored by Earl & Gene Heintz and Ken and Carolyn Bounds. (See this issue for an announcement)
- Annual Christmas Luncheon, Sunday, December 6, 2015, Noon with service at 12:30; Bohemian Crystal Restaurant, 639 N. Blackhawk Drive Westmont, IL. Cost per person is \$24. Sponsored by

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

John and Este Scheve. A registration form will be included with the Road Chatter. Registration and payment due November 28, 2015.

- Installation Dinner Saturday January 16, 2016, 6:30 pm at the Rockwood Tap, 3131 Finley Rd. Downers Grove. Sponsored by Frank and Phyllis Madrigali.

President Scott Gilday announced that it was time to have nominations for Officers and Board Members for the election that will take place November 17.

- Nominated for the Board for 2016 were Ron Blum, Stan Stack, Gary Osborne, Ken Bounds, George Zulas, and Charlie Kaiser.
- Scott Gilday was nominated for President, John Emmering was nominated for secretary and Joe Serritella was nominated for treasurer.

The meeting broke for coffee and cookies at 8:30 pm and the members present were each presented with a free copy of the book THE V-8 ALBUM and also a copy of "FAVORITE RECIPES GATHERED BY V-8 MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD." After sharing coffee, conversation and learning the disappointing Chicago Cubs score, the meeting was resumed. Tom O'Donnell gave a tech talk on vacuum windshield wipers used on our Ford V-8's including the history of the wipers and maintenance tips. The 50-50 drawing was held and the winner was Frank Koeder winning \$23.00. The meeting was then called to a close at 9:30 pm.

Attendance: Richard Anderson, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Joe Dispensa, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jeff Grubba, Paul Jensen, Charles Kaiser, Frank Koeder, George Kubik, Paul Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Russ Shmerl, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, Len Vinyard, and George Zulas.

A BOOK REVIEW BY JEFFERY TRILLING

The Arsenal of Democracy: FDR, Detroit, and an Epic Quest to Arm an America at War
by A. J. Baime (Author)

In recent years some very compelling historical biographies have been published about individuals whose lives were either impacted by, or whose deeds impacted the World War II era. A couple of my favorites have been "Lindbergh" by A. Scott Berg and "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. The book I am reviewing today is entitled "The Arsenal of Democracy: FDR, Detroit, and an Epic Quest to Arm an America at War". If you look at the title, read the book jacket or read the description of this book on Amazon, you will think that this book is going to be a very dry read about the building of airplanes during World War II. That might have been one of the intentions of the author; A.J. Baime. However, in my opinion the real agenda/purpose behind the writing of this book was that the author wanted to write a human drama very similar to the books that Mr. Berg and Ms. Hillenbrand write. The main characters in this book were the key players at the Ford Motor Company during the era leading up to, and during World War II. Bottom line, in spite of the very lofty/academic sounding title this book is really a biography and examination of the relationships between Henry Ford, Edsel Ford, Charlie Sorensen and Harry Bennett.

And yes, along the way it sort of, kind of tells the story of the Ford Motor Company during World War II and the Willow Run Factory. For those who are unfamiliar, Willow

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A BOOK REVIEW BY JEFFERY TRILLING - CONTINUED

Run was a huge factory that Ford built with the promise of completing one U.S. Army Air Force, Four-Engine Heavy Bomber, Model B-24 an hour, 18 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Ford Motor Company was convinced that it could take its automobile production line expertise and convert it into building aircraft in high volume. Ultimately, Ford did succeed, the quality of what they were building did become acceptable and by the end of the war Ford had manufactured over 9,000 of these complex aircraft at the Willow Run Plant. The story of the mistakes they made and the obstacles they overcame is a moderately interesting read.

However it is the stories about the key players at Ford that make this a book that I highly recommend to all Early Ford V-8 Club members. Threaded throughout this book is very interesting biographical information on Henry Ford and his relationship with his only son Edsel. I have read other articles and stories about these two men, and by far this is the most in-depth narrative I have ever read. Spoiler Alert: Henry is presented in a not so flattering way in this book. He was very set in his ways, and with the help of Harry Bennett to do his "dirty work" Henry seems to have gotten his way most of the time.

One of the more interesting incidents written about in this book happened during the year before Pearl Harbor was attacked. Henry's very active anti-involvement/isolationist stance forced Edsel to cancel a contract that the Ford Motor Company had already accepted to produce Rolls-Royce Merlin engines for the U.S. Army **AND** the British Government. It did not matter to Henry that the press release for this contract was extremely well received on both sides of the ocean. The then besieged British were extremely joyful to hear that the shortage of the Merlin engines that they desperately needed to power their Spitfire and Hurricane fighters was finally going to be resolved. When Henry heard that Edsel had made this deal he went ballistic. In spite of all of the humanitarian issues, positive press and the significant dollars involved in the contract, Henry demanded that Edsel cancel the order. This isolationist stance was only one of the nasty aspects to Henry Ford's personality. This book does a good job of shedding a light on a few of them. (As a side note: Eventually the contract to make these engines went to the Packard Corp. And a little later in the war this engine went on to be used in what is considered to be the finest allied fighter aircraft produced during World War II. If it had not been for Henry Ford's opposition to supporting Britain prior to Pearl Harbor we would have seen a Ford-powered Mustang during World War II.)

There is a slight downside to this book. I think because the author tried to accomplish so much in a single book there are times it is just not very well written. Also, near the end of the book the author cites production statistics for what Ford actually produced during the war. Just for the heck of it I did some fact checking and the numbers I came up with by researching on line just do not match the figures published by the author. (The two items I cross-checked were production figures on Jeeps and R2800 aircraft engines.) However, almost a third of the book consists of footnotes and citations. Nonetheless, although very well cited, I am prone to question the accuracy of some of the conclusions drawn by the author because of these factual discrepancies.

If you are interested in the history of Ford Motor Company, this book will give you a lot to think about. The author has taken a very large company and boiled it down to a very few key players and how they interacted. After reading this book I found it a little easier to understand the internal dynamics that affected the design and production of the cars and trucks that we enjoy driving/collecting.

One last thing, I checked my copy out from the public library. Even though I am highly recommending this book as a great read, this is not necessarily a book I would run out and purchase in hard back. Wait for the paperback, purchase the E-book or borrow/download it from your library.



10 Years Ago This Month – November 2005

At the November 10 Board Meeting, President Ron Dopke dropped a bombshell: long-time Road Chatter Editor Diane Wrobel had advised him of her desire to step down at the end of the year. At the November 15 monthly meeting, President Dopke advised that the search was on to identify a new editor. Thanksgiving gift certificates were won by Norm Collins, Joe Novak, and Jack Nikolich.

20 Years Ago This Month – November 1995

The November Road Chatter included a notice about implementation of the new Area Codes 630 and 847. The November 14 monthly meeting was held at the Palatine Public Library because our meeting room was not available. Nominations and election of officers held at this meeting resulted in the following: President – Tom O'Donnell, Secretary – Rich Doligale, and Treasurer – Larry Webb. Thanksgiving gift certificates were won by Rich Doligale, Larry Webb, and John Pater.

30 Years Ago This Month – November 1985

The November Road Chatter contained the second detailed update on the 1986 Central National Meet from Chairman Marty Duling along with the “moneymeter” showing that the group had sold \$9,000 in raffle tickets, well on the way to the \$15,000 goal. On November 6 Marty and Lloyd Duzell attended the Twin Cities monthly meeting to promote the Meet. At the November 12 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Joe Novak welcomed new member Ron Hayden. Thanksgiving gift certificates were won by Neil McManus, Lloyd Duzell, and Chester Lawrence.

40 Years Ago This Month – November 1975

The November 11 monthly meeting included a lively discussion about the direction of the Club. There were opinions discussed that the Club has become too concerned with making money by showing cars and not planning enough tours and outings. Alan Wall suggested that the officers should hold a separate executive meeting for planning and present the results to the membership.

Flathead Flashback

This month we flash back just three weeks. Tom Buscaglia, Lou Prazza, and Joe Serritella engaging in a bit of monkey business during the fall tour - we just couldn't resist.



V-8 Gals

I found this great article online this month that I just had to share. It was an online article in Woman's Day that proposed some insight in to your personality based on your least favorite household chore. The article was too long to include all of it so I just summarized the highlights below. You have to check out the full article online. My problem is that I don't like doing any of these things.

What Your Least Favorite Chore Says About You

You Dread.....	You are....
Cleaning the litter box	Extremely stressed out
Scrubbing the bathtub	Spontaneous
Organizing the closet	Optimistic
Doing the dishes	Creative
Raking leaves	An individualist
Folding Laundry	Pragmatic
Cleaning out the refrigerator	A perfectionist
Scrubbing tile grout	A big-picture thinker
Dusting	A realist
Vacuuming	An artist

<http://www.womansday.com/home/organizing-cleaning/g1936/what-your-least-favorite-chores-say-about-you/>

Pumpkin Spice is everywhere this time of year - from coffee to donuts. Here is a recipe to make your own. Enjoy!

DIY PUMPKIN SPICE MAKES 1/3 CUP

- 3 Tbsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 1 tsp ground cloves



Be sure to store the spice blend in an airtight container.

<http://www.womansday.com/food-recipes/food-drinks/a52459/how-to-make-pumpkin-spice/>

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
10 Board Meeting 12 Hines VA Car Show 15 Member Meeting 25-27 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	8 Board Meeting 11 Fall Tour - Mayslake Peabody Estate - Oak Brook 20 Member Meeting	7 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	No Meetings 6 Christmas Luncheon, Bohemian Crystal
January	February	March	April
14 Board Meeting 16 Installation Dinner 19 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**BEN ASHLEY (11/2), LOU PRAZZA (11/3), JOE BAUGHN (11/7),
TOM O'DONNELL (11/7), ESTE SCHEVE (11/7), ROGER HUNZ (11/14),
BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/14), TERRY FREIHAGE (11/17),
BOB MAGNUSSON (11/17), DENISE BEZICK (11/23) & TIM CARLIG (11/27)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**JOHN & BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/15), EARL & GENE HEINTZ (11/24)
& CLIFF & JOAN DIXON (11/26)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**





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1946 Deluxe Ford Coupe (right), less than 5,000 miles on rebuilt engine. New brake lines & cylinders. Asking \$16,000 - would like to see it stay in the Club. Contact Cliff Dixon at 630-629-2104.

Two Chilton repair manuals '54-'63, '63-'71, **Motors flat rate manual** '60-'67, **Dykes Automobile Gasoline Engine Encyclopedia** '37-'38. All 4 sold as a group - no reasonable offer refused. Contact Tom Anzelmo at 708-562-5695.

Basic timing light, \$25.00. Contact Jeff Trilling at 847-912-1629.

Pair E&J Headlights, \$2,700.00; **Rebuilt S. C. O. T. Blower**, \$11,500.00; **1939 NOS trunk handle** \$175.00. **Lincoln-Zephyr transmission gears** NOS, USA-made, not China \$500. **Book, Ford Golden Fifties** signed Lorin Sorensen \$75.00. **1939 transmission**, rebuilt by Cotton. Contact Frank Koeder, 847-840-7557.

1949 Ford F-1 Panel Truck (right), 1985 Touring class first place winner, maroon. Excellent Driver. Could use some cosmetic restoration or drive as is: \$22,000 or best offer. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

1936 LB Motor; 1933-34 rear axle and housings (nice); Standard 4" stroke crank and Rods & Pistons; #59 Canadian block with 4 1/8 crank & Rods & pistons. Call Paul Jensen, 847-678-0123.

1939 restored radio, \$450. **1929 accessory bumper guard**, new chrome \$200. **Fenton 2 carb intake**, 49-52, \$275. **Five 15-inch wheels**, powder coated, pin striped, trim rings, new whitewall tires, \$1400.00.

1939 heater, best offer. Many more items for sale. Contact Gladys Duzell at 847-537-2989.

59A Flathead Block - included are the following: 4-inch Mercury crank, oil pan, flywheel, 3-speed transmission. Note: The seller says that the block will need a bore. Total package price \$300.00 / OBO. Shipping will be arranged and paid for by the buyer. Please contact Hot Rod Phil at 708-987-2988.

Bias ply 600 x 16 B.F. Goodrich 3 1/2" White Wall tire \$50. **Bias ply 600 x 16 Goodyear black wall tire** - \$50. 16" cooling fan - \$50. Call Ron Steck at 630-983-0543.



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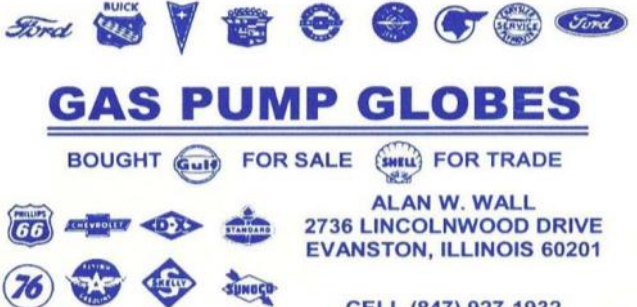


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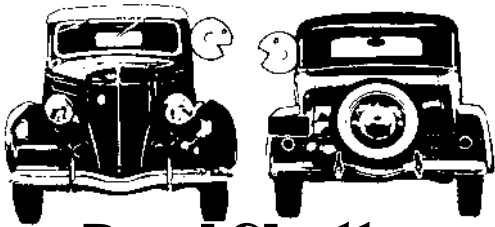


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