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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

October 8 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

October 11 Fall Tour - Mayslake Peabody Estate, Oak Brook. See Page 3.

October 20 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

October 4 Route 66 Show & Swap Meet, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet. 7 am - 2 pm. \$5 admission.

October 7 - 10 AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA.

October 4-18 National Route 66 Motor Tour - Joliet to Santa Monica. Registration \$66.

October 18 Chicagoland Petroleum & Advertising Show, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, 8 am - 1 pm. Admission \$5.00.

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Do you want to make a difference and have some fun too?

Time to raise your hand!

Nominations for 2016 Officers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and five Board of Directors positions will be held at the October member meeting. Elections will be held in November. Your participation is important!

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Ken Bounds

Joe Dispensa

Gary Osborne

Stan Stack

MEETINGS

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Tuesday of the month at
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Service Center, 1616 N.
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to October. It's a great time to get the V-8s out to enjoy the cooler weather and see the leaves change colors.

First, I would like to thank Don and Elaine Braun for once again hosting our annual picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. We had great weather and a good turnout of members and their V-8s; and plenty of food and fun for all. Next, I'd like to thank Ken and Carolyn Bounds for hosting our eighth annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally. Once again this proved to be a great event. Not only did folks get to drive through beautiful southern Wisconsin scenery and eat at nice restaurants, but they got to enjoy some nice tours including the Wisconsin Wagon Company, the Lincoln-Tallman House Museum and the Rotary Botanical Gardens, all while playing fun games and winning prizes.

During our monthly meeting's Tech Talk, Joe Serritella gave us a very informative presentation on Ford starters and how to properly repair them. It's amazing how well built those old starters were. In addition to this, Tom O'Donnell provided a very informative presentation on the EFV8 Foundation and their plans to update their current building in Auburn, Indiana, and shared some great pictures from Motorfest 6 in Auburn. Motorfest was clearly a great time this year.

Looking forward to October, on the 11th Tom O'Donnell will be hosting a fall colors tour at the Mayslake Peabody Estate in Oak Brook. This a great opportunity to get the V-8s out for one last tour before the weather chills up. Please contact Tom if you're interested in joining.

On a last note, I would like to remind folks that nominations for 2016 club officers will take place at our October meeting. If you have any interest in serving in the club, please consider running for a position. Voting will take place at our November meeting.



Scott Gilday, NIRG President

**Three Good Reasons to Attend the October Meeting**

1. Tom O'Donnell will be presenting an informative tech talk on vacuum windshield wipers. He will show you how to make those pesky things actually work.
2. We will be calling for nominations for officers and board members for 2016. We need your participation!
3. As an added incentive, everyone attending will receive a valuable gift from the Club. What is it? You need to attend to find out.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Fall Color Tour - Mayslake Peabody Mansion, Oak Brook October 11

We will tour the Mayslake Peabody Mansion and grounds on October 11. We will meet at the Town and Country Mall at the Southeast corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Road at 9:00 AM and drive to the mansion in Oak Brook. We will arrive in time for a 10:00 AM guided tour of the mansion. **The fee for the tour is \$5.00.** At the end of the guided tour, feel free to walk the grounds and enjoy the art exhibit. The theme of the art exhibit is “When Art and Nature Meet”. There are 14 works of art spread around the grounds. You will be given a map before the guided tour.



Francis S. Peabody, whose Peabody Coal Co. became the nation’s largest coal producer, purchased over 800 acres from several landowners in DuPage County near Hinsdale. He selected the prominent Chicago architectural firm of Marshall & Fox to design a magnificent 39-room Tudor Revival mansion costing \$750,000. It took two years to build and was completed in 1921. At the time the building was being designed the “Revival Tudor” style of architecture was considered correct for the gentile country house; his mansion is very similar to Compton Wynyates manor house in Warwickshire, England. Mr. Peabody did not have a long time to enjoy his manor, he died in August 1922.

After the tour of the mansion, we will drive to a local restaurant for lunch.

The deadline for signup was September 30; if you want to go and have not signed up, please contact Tom O’Donnell at 847-991-6976 as soon as possible to see if he can fit you in.

Reserve These Dates for More Upcoming Events

November 7 - Our Annual Veteran’s Day Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Sam’s of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Watch for details in the November Road Chatter.

December 6 - Este Scheve is hosting our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Bohemian Crystal in Westmont. The event will begin at noon with lunch served at 12:30. Watch for details and a flyer in the November Road Chatter.

January 16 - Frank Madrigali is planning our Annual Installation Dinner, tentatively to be held at the Rockwood Tap House in Downers Grove. Watch the Road Chatter for more details.

8th Annual NIRG Poker Rally – September 25-27

By Ken Bounds

Autumn arrived early in the morning of September 23 and two days later members gathered in their Early V-8s and other classics for our first tour of the fall. Meeting in Arlington Heights were Ron Blum – '40 Fordor, Ken & Carolyn Bounds – '50 Convertible (top down), Joe Novek & Millie Olds – '53 Mercury, Dan & Diane Pudelek – '56 Fordor, Joe & Delice Serritella, '50 Oldsmobile, John & Barb Slobodnik, '54 Fordor, Stan Stack – '53 Tudor, Ron & Colleen Steck – '41 Station Wagon, and Larry Webb – '63 Studebaker. It was a real treat that Larry was able to join us after the loss of his wife Jerry in April; she had been a regular participant in the event for many years. It was also nice that Ron & Colleen brought out their Station Wagon on its first road trip with the Club.



Ready to go on a beautiful day

We had a gorgeous, warm morning for our leisurely drive up secondary roads to our lunch stop, the Red Barn at Twin Lakes Country Club in Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. There we met Tom & Judy Buscaglia – '51 Tudor and John & Robin Emmering – '51 Fordor. While enjoying a delicious lunch in a beautiful setting, we went over our plans for the weekend and drew the 1st card for our poker run.

After lunch we continued over a scenic route to the Comfort Suites in Delavan. This was our 10th consecutive year staying at this hotel and we were pleased with the comprehensive renovation that had just been completed. Soon after checking in we gathered in the hotel's back parking lot for our traditional car games and people games. We normally have to drive a couple of blocks to a strip mall to play, but luckily the hotel parking lot was available. There were a lot of laughs as 14 different drivers took a chance at "plumb bob" and 11 driver/passenger combinations braved the "blind toll booth" game. Fortunately there were no injuries and even fewer deaths. Colleen had to be goaded into playing because she was apprehensive about driving the Woodie. So what did she do? She jumped in and nailed the closest distance in plumb bob.



Delice tries her hand at Plum Bob



Colleen and Ron brave Blind Toll Booth

Next, 17 players thrilled the crowd with lively games of ball toss and washer toss. Because of ties, we had a three-round playoff in ball toss. We also drew our 2nd poker card. After the games, Ron Blum and Stan Stack said goodbye and returned home.

Friday evening we all drove to nearby Delbrook Golf Course for dinner at Greenie's Clubhouse. On an ominous note, the engine started misfiring on our Convertible. We barely made it. We had a great dinner with lots of lively conversation and drew our 3rd poker card. Then it was back to the parking lot to see if the Convertible had cured itself. It had not. But, after a quick change of the condenser we were on our way. The evening was still warm enough for some tire kicking in the parking lot. It seems like these sessions end with all of us going to bed earlier than we used to.

Saturday brought another amazing sunny morning. We got off to an early start, heading over back roads to Janesville. If you like corn fields and farms, you loved this drive. We arrived at our first stop, the [Wisconsin Wagon Company](#), for a fantastic tour of a company that started hand-crafting wooden coaster wagons 100 years ago. Although the company had shut down for many years, its revival over 35 years ago brought back the same techniques used by dedicated craftsmen to produce family heirlooms. We were thrilled that one of these craftsmen, Kirk, had given up his Saturday morning to give us a tour. At the end of the tour we presented him a 99-year old postcard featuring the Janesville Coaster Wagon.

Next it was on to the nearby Lincoln-Tallman House where we were able to park several of our cars on the curved driveway in front of the house. This historic house was built by William Tallman from 1855 to 1857. He and his family lived there from 1857 to 1915. When Abraham Lincoln was making a speech in nearby Beloit in October of 1859, Tallman convinced Lincoln to travel to Janesville and spend two nights at his house; this is the only recorded time that Lincoln spent the night in a Wisconsin home. Our group was broken in half and two able tour guides gave us an interesting tour of the house. It is amazing that more than 75% of the furnishings are original to the house, which was technologically advanced for the day.

From here, we drove to O'Riley & Conway's, a nearby Irish restaurant/pub for another delicious



Ron shows his skills at the ball toss



Our guide, Kirk, in front of a wagon display



Our cars in front of the Tallman House

meal and the drawing of our 4th card. As we were leaving, our convertible let us know that the gremlins were back. The car seemed to run OK, though, to our third tour of the day, the Rotary Botanical Gardens.

What a gem this place is! We had a wonderful time wandering through the immaculate gardens. The weather was perfect and there was even a wedding going on. The gardens contain many walking paths are different themed gardens. Also lots of benches to relax as you enjoy the setting. Alas, after 90 minutes it was time to head back to Delavan. The fun was about to begin.

Our convertible again was acting up. We had to push start it, but it seemed to run OK. After a few miles, though, it began to run rough. Then the words came over the CB radio – John Emmering's car had died. The fix to John's car that *seemed* to work was a replacement coil. But by the time he was running, the Convertible was worse and it was apparent we would not make it far. While most of the group headed back to Delavan, Joey & Millie and Larry stayed with us to work on the car. After a change of condenser, coil, and carburetor, the engine was running again.

Back at the hotel, we learned that John & Robin had made it back, but the car would not restart. More troubleshooting would have to wait until morning because it was almost time to leave for dinner.

Again this year we wrapped up our poker run with a wonderful meal at Sweet Aroma. After drawing our final card, we learned that Joe Serritella was the big winner with three jacks and Delice was the winner of the low hand with 2-4-5-6-7. Joe took home the grand prize of \$100 and the Dick Alfini winning



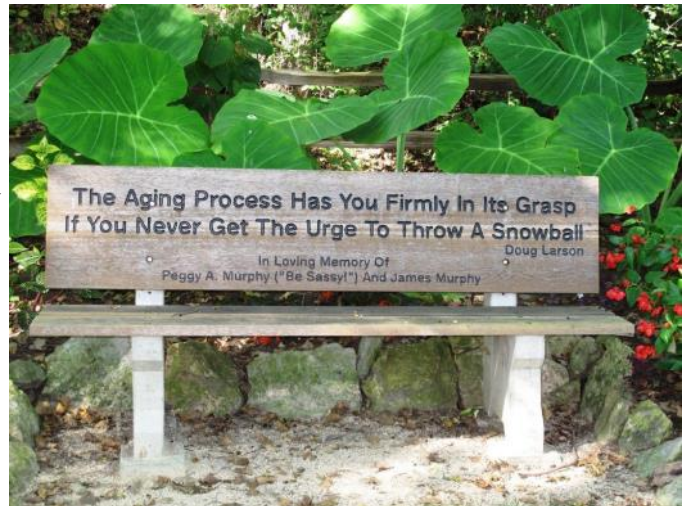
While several took a break in the gazebo, Tom & Judy found a comfy chair

hand award. Winning Culver's gift cards were Joey Novak, overall winner of the car games and Ron Steck, overall winner of the people games.

We had one last, very special, award to hand out. This was our first year without Jerry Webb on the tour. Jerry was a trouper and even with failing health, she never missed the poker rally. Instead of going on the Saturday tour, for the past several years Larry took Jerry to dialysis. Yet she still wanted to come. This year we presented the inaugural "Jerry Webb Memorial Stop and Smell the Roses" award to Larry Webb to commemorate the great attitude and spirit that Jerry brought to the event.

Sunday morning arrived and it was time to get back to the diagnosis of John Emmering's ignition problem. Joe Serritella quickly identified a short in the distributor and was able to remedy it in short order. John's car was now running fine, but John Slobodnik was not. He did not feel well, so Larry drove him to a nearby hospital to get checked out. Ultimately, all tests came back negative and John was released with a diagnosis of vertigo. Our group split up with some going to the wood boat show in Fontana and others heading home. John did not feel like driving, so I drove Barb and him in his car while Carolyn drove the Convertible with Dan & Diane following in case of car trouble. We all made it home fine.

Overall, it was a terrific weekend with great friends, great food, interesting tours, outstanding weather and a lot of fun. The vote was unanimous to meet again in one year for our 9th Annual Rally. See you there!



Larry receives the Jerry Webb Memorial Stop and Smell the Roses Award



The grand prize winner



Delice won \$20 for the low hand

Motorfest 6 By Tom O'Donnell

Motorfest 6 was a success. There were over 60 registered participants and all of them seemed to have had a very good time.

Madeleine and I took a leisurely drive from Palatine to Auburn in my Lincoln. The Lincoln performed very well.

Connie Vincentini and Candy & Pat Fenner were in the lobby of the motel to give us our registration package. The hospitality room was set up with goodies to snack on as we renewed our friendships.

Thursday we met in the morning to drive to Fort Wayne. There were two groups, one that went to the toy factory and the other went to the Fire museum. We traveled along back roads and saw some nice scenery.

At the toy factory, we split up into two groups and saw the toy cars and tractors being packaged for shipment. The cars are made of plastic and the components are grouped together for packaging for shipment and sale to the customer. The customer does the final assembly. They also showed us their test track, parts department, customer support center and their repair center.

The group that went to the Fire Museum, saw fire equipment that was used in Fort Wayne from the 19th century to the 21st century. There were also photos of the older equipment and a plaque to honor the firefighters that performed heroic service for the department.

In the evening we went to the Victory Museum for the Welcome Party. It was a buffet and after a few short speeches, Jerry Vincentini started to auction off the order that the tables would go to get their food. After the dinner, Dave Stonebraker auctioned off some gift certificates and a couple of craft items. One of the craft items was a carburetor lamp, another was a Ford globe glass inserted into a banjo housing from a Ford. Milly Scheidt made a quilt and that was auctioned off also.

The "Buy a Foot" building fund campaign was announced at the party and several feet were sold. This campaign asks you to donate the cost of a square foot of the addition to the current museum building for \$150. Your name and your donation will be displayed on a special plaque that honors all of the donors.

Friday some of the people drove their cars on the two and a half hour drive to Kalamazoo, MI Air Zoo. Madeleine and I stayed in Auburn and visited some of the local museums.





Friday night was the cruise in around the Town Square. Many local residents brought out their cars for our enjoyment.

Saturday we visited a winery for wine tasting and looked around the town for a while. I took a photo at the Sinclair gas station while some of the other people went over to the Shell station. In the evening we attended the Farewell Banquet at the country club. After dinner there was another auction and the Mayor of Auburn presented a plaque to the owner of the car he most wanted in his garage. It was a very nice black 1953 Mercury convertible from Arizona.



I never did find out if George Walker's extra radiator was a solution to solving an overheating problem. The Motorfest added over \$20,000 to the Foundation's bank accounts. Madeleine and I plan to go to the next one as we had a lot of fun.

For more information about the Early Ford V-8 Museum expansion and the "Buy the Foot" program, please visit the Foundation website at <http://www.fordv8foundation.org/addition.html>. If you would like to support the expansion, you can donate on line, or download a donation form.

Annual NIRG Picnic By Scott Gilday

On August 30th, Don and Elaine Braun once again hosted our annual picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. We had an absolutely beautiful day; the ranch, owned by the Braun's friends Art and Carol Timmermann, provided a great setting for our V-8s. All that was missing was Gene Autry, his horse Champion and his 47 Mercury Woodie.

A few of us got there early to set the tent up. This could have been a real challenge with all of us car guys trying to figure out how to do this, but fortunately my youngest daughter Ciena was there to supervise and ensure we got it right. The tent did not fall down, so she must have done a good job. Ron Blum got this whole experience on stop-action video which he shared with the group at our September meeting. After we got the tent up, folks started to arrive; we had a decent turnout of members and their V-8s. Despite the fact that a few of our regular attendees were on vacation, we still had about 30 people and 10+ V-8s.

We were happy to see Don Braun there with Elaine and his 56 Pickup as well as number of other members including Charlie Kaiser, Ron Dopke, Norm Collins and granddaughter Corinne - 41 Mercury, John Bauer - 49 Pickup, Ron and Colleen Steck - 40 Pickup, Ron Blum - 40 Fordor, John and Este Scheve, Joe and Delice Serritella and grandchildren Joey & Angie, Dan and Diane Pudelek, daughter Catherine and grandchildren Jack & Isabella - 56 Fordor, Larry Webb - 63 Studebaker, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Roger Obecny and Mary Partyka - 40 Tudor, Len and Irene Vinyard - 57 T-Bird, John and Barbara Slobodnik - 54 Fordor, Jody Reeme & Steve Albertson - 39



Ciena supervising the work



Keeping an eye on Dan



Children at play



Plotting their next move

Tudor, and my wife Nicole and me and our daughters Reese and Ciena – 41 Convertible. We had some initial concerns because our regular chefs Bob and Cathy Sochacki were not available, but Dan Pudelek and Joe Serritella stepped in and saved the day by cooking brats and burgers to go with all the wonderful sides and desserts that everyone brought. Needless to say, nobody left hungry.

As for having a good time, it's hard to say who had more fun, the members sitting back and enjoying the late summer day and inspecting the display of beautiful V-8s, or the children running around and enjoying the horses. My daughters Reese and Ciena had a great time playing with Dan's and Joe's grandchildren and are asking how soon we can have the next picnic so they can all play together again.

Lastly during our 50-50 raffle run by Dan (no, no Pudeleks won this year), my daughter Ciena drew the winning ticket for Len Vinyard.

A great time was had by all and our thanks go out to Don and Elaine Braun and Art and Carol Timmermann for hosting the event and to all the others who helped make everything so successful.



Some of the Early V-8s



More of the cars



Always good to see Norm's '41 Mercury



The feast



Lenny's lucky day

Hines Veterans Appreciation Car Show Provided a Great Opportunity for Our Regional Group to Say “Thanks!”

By John Emmering

Demonstrating once again that the Northern Illinois Regional Group appreciates our U.S. Military Veterans, a group of our club members joined with representatives from the Aurora Chapter of the American Legion and other guests on Saturday, September 12, in a special vintage car show for the benefit of residents of the Edward Hines Jr., Veteran’s Hospital Extended Care Center. The event was conceived and organized by our own Joe Dispensa.



Seated L to R Mike Eckburg; Aurora Legion Commander, Joe Dispensa, Pat Winsor; USO, John Emmering, Ron Blum, John Slobodnik, John Montesano; Aurora Legion, and Marie Dispensa

An eager group of participants met for lunch at the Wendy’s Restaurant on Roosevelt Road in Hillside sharing some interesting lunchtime conversation and anticipating the event. As lunch ended Joe Dispensa led a procession of Ford V-8s from Wendy’s parking lot several miles east to the sprawling campus of Hines VA Hospital.

The vintage Fords lined up for display in a reserved spot near the extended care center. Present with their cars were Ron Blum, 1940 Deluxe Fordor, Tom Buscaglia, 1951 Ford Custom Tudor, Joe & Marie Dispensa, 1950 Ford Custom Tudor, John Emmering, 1949 Ford Custom Fordor, Paul Jensen, 1932 Ford Roadster, Dan Pudelek, 1956 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan and John Slobodnik, 1954 Ford Crestline Fordor. Two classic Chrysler New Yorker Sedans joined the array, a 1963 model driven by Marvin Byrd and a 1963 “Salon” edition driven by Ed Villock. Also present were Ron Dopke, Frank and Phyllis Madrigali and John Judge who is currently on the mend from hip surgery.

Soon a stream of veterans, assigned to the extended care unit came out to view our cars and reminisce about some of the automobiles they owned in earlier years. Our members had the privilege of pushing veterans’ wheelchairs as they examined each car. Each veteran was given a sticker for their coat showing which conflict they had taken part in and the name of the branch in which they served. Small flags and flag pins were also given to the veterans, as well as displayed on each exhibited car. Hospital staff were impressed that about 20 veterans came out to enjoy the displayed vehicles topping participation in some earlier events. As the visit came to an end the participants were privileged to make the acquaintance of some special individuals and I am sure that their efforts helped brighten a military veteran patient’s day.



FROM THE EDITORS

KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS

What a group we have! We have so many events on our calendar that we had to expand the *Road Chatter* to 20 pages this month just to report on everything. Plus, we had to give the Tech Corner and V-8 Gals pages the month off because we were out of space.



We want to thank Tom O'Donnell for sending in his report and pictures about Motorfest 6. We weren't able to attend because we were in England for Carolyn's sister's wedding. Our trip also prevented us from attending the picnic and we thank our President Scott Gilday for sending in a report and photos. Finally, thanks to John Emmering for reporting on the Hines Veterans' Hospital show.

Speaking of John, remember how he keeps saying he is out of stories about gangsters and their Early Ford V-8's? Well, he has done it again. He has sent in yet another interesting story with a connection to Chicago, gangsters, and V-8s. It is a good one, but you will just have to wait until the November *Road Chatter* to see for yourself.

Speaking of England, we had a wonderful time on the first trip for either of us to that country and met a lot of nice people. Things are different there! They drive on the left side of the road, have their own currency, and speak a language they refer to as "English". Fortunately, we met many people there who were able to communicate with us in our native language. When they spoke slowly. Buildings are much older there than those in the U.S. The church where the wedding was held, St. Mary's in Fairford, below left, was completed in 1497! We stayed in a cottage dating back to the 1600's.

In addition to the wedding, we did a lot of touring and visited a lot of pubs. We toured a palace and a castle and even learned the difference. We rode many miles in cars over narrow, twisting roads, but did not drive; that's why no one was killed. We also saw many road signs that were quite different than those you see here and wanted to share our favorite with you. The sign shown to the right is an actual road sign posted as you enter several small villages. Another favorite was seen on an expressway, but we didn't get a picture. It simply stated "This Sign Not In Use."



Ken & Carolyn



A typical sight you might encounter on the road

SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by John Emmering**

President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm. Scott had a couple of special announcements as the meeting began. First he announced that all members who attend the meeting on October 20 will receive a free gift courtesy of our regional group. Additionally Scott announced that the Twin Cities Regional Group in Minnesota awarded the NIRG an "above the call of duty" plaque expressing their appreciation for assistance rendered during the weather emergency by our members who were present at the 2015 Central National Meet. They also sent Ken and Carolyn Bounds an award for their work in coming in early and helping prepare the meet.



The membership report was the first thing on the agenda and membership chairman Ken Bounds announced that the membership stands at 86 members. Ken reminded those in attendance that renewals of membership for our regional group will be due in the month of October. Dues will remain \$25.00 for those receiving a paper edition of the Road Chatter newsletter and \$15.00 for those who receive the emailed electronic version. Ken also announced that long time members Alan and Lois Wall will be moving to Kingsford, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula on September 23rd.

Continuing with a report on national club news Ken Bounds, Midwest Director, again reminded members to send in their ballots for the national director's election by October 15. Ken commented on the National Black Hills Driving Tour. Ken related that the tour was the largest one to date with 59 vehicles registered and 118 people participating. Ken announced that our regional website and the national club's site have posted registration forms for both the 2016 Central National Meet June 12-16 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the 2016 Eastern National Meet August 8-11 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Registration forms will soon be available for the 2016 National Driving Tour, "*Fording around the Finger Lakes*" July 11-15 sponsored by the Western New York Regional Group. Finally Ken announced that Jeep Iacobucci, President of the Northern Ohio Regional Group, is recovering from triple by-pass heart surgery. Members may know Jeep through participation in our joint tours with the Northern Ohio Regional Group.

Treasurer Joe Serritella gave his report, stating that the club had income of \$27.00 in the August 50-50 drawing and \$85.00 for the picnic 50-50 drawing. There was a \$164.00 expenditure for postage to receive cook books and copies of the V-8 Album from the national club. Net expenditure for the month was \$418.00, with much of that amount going toward the picnic.

Health and Welfare Chairperson Phyllis Madrigali reported news of members suffering from illness or injury. Phyllis stated that Earl Heintz's wife Gene is being treated for trouble with her vocal cords and experiencing difficulty talking. John Judge is home recuperating from hip surgery and receiving physical therapy. Charles Kaiser is suffering from a liver tumor but is encouraged that it has not grown. Stan Stack's wife JoAnn suffered a broken right foot during a fall at home. JoAnn is wearing a boot and hoping to avoid surgery if the break improves in the next eight weeks.

Tour chairman Ron Steck asked Joe Dispensa for a report on both his events. Joe reported that the 7th Annual LaSalle Street Auto Row Show on September 23rd was a success. Joe reported that 60 cars participated and that a military helicopter was featured. Joe added that a 15-month 2015-16 calendar featuring photos of some of the oldest veterans and their favorite cars was selling well. The calendars, serving as a fund raiser for the benefit of veterans, were prepared to commemorate the event. The second event Joe reported on was the Hines Veterans Appreciation Car Show held Saturday, September

SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

12th. Joe recounted that there were nine cars displayed and about 16 people came along with the group to the hospital, including two from the Aurora chapter of the American Legion and one representative of the USO. Joe said he received good feedback from the hospital staff and felt the disabled veteran patients at the extended care center found it to be an enjoyable activity.

Scott Gilday offered a short report on the annual NIRG picnic at Timmermann's Ranch August 30th. Scott reported that there were about 10-12 Ford V-8s and 30-40 attendees. Scott thanked Joe Serritella and Dan Pudelek for doing the cooking. Scott made special mention that Don Braun, who has been ill, made a special effort to attend and that it was good to see him.

Ken Bounds made a final announcement of the upcoming 8th Annual Poker Run September 25-27. Ken explained that the group will leave from the Town & Country Shopping Center at Palatine & Arlington Heights Roads at 10:00 and travel up to Wisconsin for three days of fun activities. Ken further stated an advance payment for admission to some special stopovers and a poker hand will run \$21.00 per person.

Tom O'Donnell reminded the members of the Fall Colors Tour he has planned for Sunday October 11th to the Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 West 31st Street, Oak Brook, IL. (See full announcement in this issue). Ron Steck closed his report with an announcement that the Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont on Sunday December 6th. Este and John Sheve will once again sponsor the luncheon.

The meeting paused for a coffee and cookie break at 8:05 pm. This month's meeting was unique in that we had two presentations. Joe Serritella presented a tech talk on Ford V-8 starters, drawing from his professional experience of rebuilding starters for many years. Joe offered some valuable information and tips using visual aids.

Tom O'Donnell updated the members on the Early Ford V-8 Foundation & Museum and their "Buy the Foot" fund raiser for the museum expansion. Tom then showed slides of the Ford V-8s displayed at Motorfest on August 25-29.

The 50-50 drawing was last on the agenda with Scott Gilday winning \$21. Those in attendance were Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Paul Jensen, Paul Linzer, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, and Larry Webb.

2016 Dues are Due

It is time to renew your membership for 2016. We have enclosed a renewal form in this issue; please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. Please add your cell phone number and your e-mail address if you care to share this information. 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.

If you want to continue receiving 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.



10 Years Ago This Month – October 2005

At the October 18 monthly meeting, nominations were held for officers and board members for 2006. Ken Bounds talked about participation in the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally. Frank Koeder talked about his speed runs at the Bonneville Salt Flats. He said that wetter than normal weather curtailed some of the activities. President Ron Dopke talked about his experiences attending the recent wedding of Jack & Jean Nikolich. Ron Dopke and Tom O'Donnell encouraged members to consider joining the Early Ford V-8 Foundation.

20 Years Ago This Month – October 1995

The October Road Chatter included an article about Bill Grams of the Volo Auto Museum and his plans to begin selling cars on the Internet! Members were reminded that dues for 1996 were due. At the October 17 monthly meeting, Bud Guzzo showed a slide show of photos he had taken at the Hershey meet two weeks earlier.

30 Years Ago This Month – October 1985

The October Road Chatter contained a detailed update, an organization chart, and the first tentative schedule for the planned 1986 Central National Meet from new Chairman Marty Duling. At the October 8 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Joe Novak introduced new members Jerry Corcoran and Ron Vaughan. On October 26, Joe & Nancy Novak hosted 24 V-8ers in an informal get-together including dinner at the Rosewood Inn followed by cocktails at their home.

40 Years Ago This Month – October 1975

At the October 14 monthly meeting a slate of officers for 1976 was selected. There were several stories from the 14 members who had attended "the muddy mess" at Hershey. On October 19, 13 members and family showed Early V-8s and other classics at the Yorktown Mall. Four cars were displayed inside while those displayed outside got a police escort around the center with sirens blaring.

Flathead Flashback

**NIRG members at Hershey, October 1982.
Photo from Marty Duling collection.**



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**

**STEVE ALBERTSON (10/1), COLLEEN STECK (10/2), SUE ADAMS (10/5),
JOHN EMMERING (10/5), JOE SERRITELLA (10/9), JOE KOZMIC (10/11),
JULIE MCMANUS (10/11), DIANE PUDELEK (10/11),
JOAN DIXON (10/14), GEORGE KUBIK (10/18), MARSHAL ADAMS (10/24),
CHESTER LAWRENCE (10/26), TOM BUSCAGLIA (10/28), & LIN STACEY (10/29)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**JAMES & KATHY LARSON (10/5), DOUG & GAIL LEICHT (10/6),
JACK & JEAN NIKOLICH (10/8), & FRANK & MARGARET KOEDER (10/30)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
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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.



Notice: Alan & Lois Wall have moved! Their new address is 725 Brookfield Ave, Kingsford, WI 49802. You can reach Alan at the same phone number and e-mail address shown in the roster.



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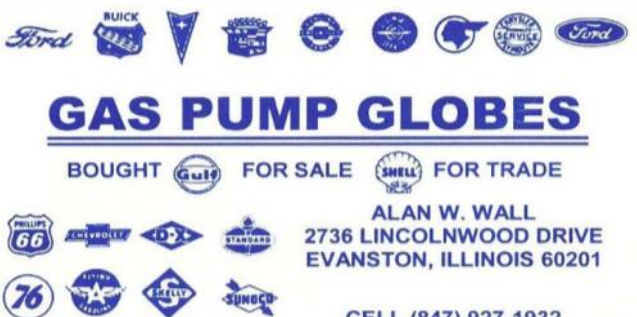


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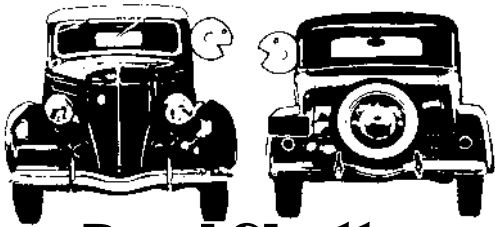


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Photo of the Month
Colleen & Ron with their '41 Station Wagon
at the Wisconsin Wagon Company, Janesville, Wisconsin