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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

July 14 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 16 Riverview Ford car show, Oswego See page 3.

July 16 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park. See page 8.

July 19 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 24 Classic car show at Lincolnwood Fest, Lincolnwood. See page 8.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July 4 Happy Birthday to the USA!

July 7-9 44th Annual Iola Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI. \$10 daily.

July 23 Happy 49th Anniversary to Northern Illinois RG #8.

July 24 68th Annual AACA Illinois Region car show, Cantigny Park, Wheaton. 8:00 am - \$30 to show.

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Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the July 19 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking. After the business meeting, Ken Bounds will present a slide show on the Central National Meet in Tulsa.

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MEETINGS

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

I hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day and I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Fourth of July. Get your V-8s out and enjoy the picnics and parties!

First, I would like to thank Gary Osborne for hosting our first H.I.P. (Historic Illinois Pavement) tour on June 4th on a portion of Route 66 leading to Pontiac, Illinois. Despite a couple of sprinkles, the group had a great time and even got some special treatment. Also, I would like to thank John and Robin Emmering for hosting a tour to Crown Point, Indiana to see the John Dillinger museum. The group enjoyed some nice weather and got to learn a bit more about the V-8s role in our storied (gangster) past. Be sure to read about these great tours in this issue.

During our monthly meeting, Gary shared a number of pictures from his H.I.P. Route 66 tour. For those of us who could not participate on the tour, it was great chance see all the fun the group had on their tour of part of Illinois' historic Route 66.

Looking forward to July, Ron Blum was able to organize another Night at the Races and will be hosting the group at Hawthorne Park for some great harness racing on July 16th. In addition to this, Paul Levine would like members to join him at the Park Ridge Cruise Night on July 1st, where there will be special parking for NIRG members, and also at the Lincolnwood Fest car show on July 24th. More information on all these events can be found later in this issue.

I look forward to seeing you this month.



Scott Gilday
NIRG President

**FROM THE EDITORS**

Our thanks to Gary Osborne and John Emmering for their contributions to the Road Chatter this month. They are truly appreciated. Because we had so much to include, there was no space for the Tech Corner or the V-8 Gals pages.

Well, that's only partially true. We also had no tech articles or V-8 Gals articles to include. We REALLY need your input for these columns, along with stories about your Early V-8s, the first car you owned, etc. This is a serious call for more input from you, our members. Without your input, it is increasing difficult to continue to create the Road Chatter each month. Please give this some thought and think about how you can contribute.



Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

You are Invited to Join Your V-8 Friends As The Northern Illinois Regional Group

Presents

“A Night At The Races” At Hawthorne Race Course

Saturday, July 16 - 6:00 pm

Featuring Exciting Harness Racing

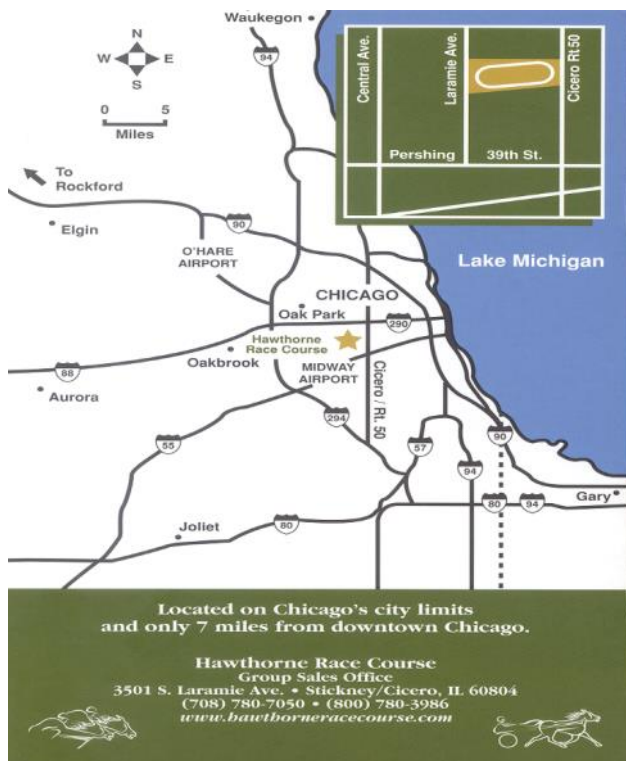
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Historic Illinois Pavement Tour—Route 66

Romeoville to Pontiac • June 4, 2016

By Gary Osborne

The storm clouds overhead looked ominous! For sure it was going to rain on our inaugural Historic Illinois Pavement Tour!

That was the scene as the NIRG members gathered to drive to Pontiac on Route 66. As the time approached for our departure, a total of 19 showed up. They were: Ron & Colleen Steck, George & Dawn Zulas, their son Tom and girlfriend Denise, Joey Novak & Millie Olds, Stan Stack and nephew Steve Umbricht, John & Este Scheve, John Emmering, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, John Slobodnik, Joe Serritella, and Gary & Dawn Osborne. For various reasons there were only 5 Early Fords. (Ron's 1941 Woody, Stan's 1953 Customline Tudor, Joey's 1953 Mercury Monterey, John's 1949 Custom Fordor, and Ken's 1950 Crestliner)

Part of the tour was to learn about some of the history of Route 66. We began with a little history lesson in the parking lot of McDonald's in Romeoville. We learned that Route 66 became "official" in November of 1926. It received the number 66 after a bitter dispute with the governor of Kentucky. During the following years there began an inspirational movement about the road that produced songs, movies, and dozens of books. There were several revisions to the road in our state before it was decommissioned in 1977. Our tour planned to drive as much of the historic route as we could between Romeoville and Pontiac.

We started off going south on Route 66 and of course those rain clouds did open up. Fortunately, it was only for a short time. Outside of Joliet we saw Jake and Elwood of the Blues Brothers fame riding high in their car near the Route 66 Speedway. Entering Wilmington we were greeted by the Gemini Giant and saw our first old Sinclair gas station (now a tire store). In Braidwood we passed the Polk-a-Dot Drive Inn which has statues of many celebrities (so that's where Elvis lives!) that watch you eat. Our first stop was in Gardner to see the Two-Cell Jail built in 1906. The accommodations for the two inmates looked a little sparse. Next to that was a horse-drawn streetcar that had been converted into a diner that was in use until 1955. After that it was purchased by the Riviera Restaurant to be used as a



Heading out onto the old road



Don't do the crime if you can't do the time



At the old diner in Gardner

storage unit. When the restaurant burned down in 2010 it was preserved by Gardner to provide many fond memories. One more item to see was a plaque honoring the Rev. Christian Christianson. During the Second World War he helped the allied forces with a plan to destroy a “heavy water” plant in Norway that was operated by the Nazis. A little known piece of American history.

The next town was Dwight which has an old restored Texaco station. No time to stop there (maybe next time) because our destination was the town of Odell for our second stop to see a nicely restored 1932 Standard Oil station. Pulling up to the station each Early Ford had a photo taken. It’s kind of fun to have these cars in front of the old stations. There we were able to view inside at some of the memorabilia around the service bays. Then on the outside there was a 1953 Winnebago travel trailer that we could walk inside to see how luxury camping was back in the day.

The final stop was in the town of Pontiac for lunch and two museums. Arrangements were made for reserved parking in front of the Pontiac/Oakland Automobile Museum. After parking we walked next door to eat at DeLong’s. There were other car groups arriving so we wanted to be first in line! It’s a nice place to grab a bite with friends. The food was good and the prices reasonable. While we were there three raffle tickets were drawn. Joey N. won a Route 66 gas pump magnet, George Z. won a Route 66 key chain, and Steve U. won a \$5.00 gift certificate for lunch in DeLong’s.

After lunch we headed over to the Pontiac Museum and were greeted with a surprise that the Mayor of Pontiac would be our tour guide. Mayor Bob Russell had been instrumental in getting this museum into Pontiac so he was the perfect one to give the tour. All of the cars in the museum were absolutely beautiful, and many were extremely rare. Some of the highlights were a 1973 Grand Am station wagon prototype. A truly one of a kind vehicle. Also on hand were a restored “Judge”, and another half completed, several GTO’s, a 1935, a 1929, and one from the first year of Pontiac, 1926. All of the cars were impeccable and a real treat to see.

The museum Director, Tim Dye, is also a collector of automobile containers of oil, fuel, and antifreeze. We were given the “extra” tour down to the basement to view his stunning collection of these containers, and other Pontiac items. Literally hundreds of these things to see.

Mayor Russell had one more off-site museum for us to see. However; it was about four blocks away, so he proceeded outside and flagged down one of the city trolleys for us to ride on. The front portion



Stan Stack in his '53 in front of the Standard station



Our Early V-8s in front of the Pontiac-Oakland Museum



Our tour guide, Mayor Bob Russell, greets Gary

of the building houses the studios of world famous air-brush artist Tang Dongbai. We were shown many works of air-brush art that he has painted on car hoods, walls, whole cars, and even women's dresses. Each one was exquisite and gave us a sense of the gifts and talents that Tang has.

Our final visit of the day was the Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum. The first artifact to grab our attention is what's outside. Route 66 artist Bob Waldmire's 1966 Chevrolet school bus has been preserved here. He converted it into a rolling Route 66 information center. It has been called the "Road Yacht", and upon seeing it you know why! He drove this bus along Route 66 to educate people on preserving this road for future generations to enjoy. Being an artist, he received much inspiration from the people and places that he experienced all along the road.



Our group in front of the huge Route 66 mural

Inside the museum there is quite a lot to read and see concerning Route 66. Upstairs there is a military museum that is quite unusual. There are a multitude of manikins dressed in the uniforms of men and women who served. What is special is that each one has a card attached that tells a little of the story of that persons' military service. It really helps to put a personal touch to the contribution of the soldiers to this country.

Once outside again, the group took one last photo before heading back. Most took Interstate 55 which may never offer the fun and enjoyment that "The Mother Road" brings to those who drive it.

Editor's Note: Thanks to everyone who participated in the first NIRG Historic Illinois Pavement tour. Host Gary Osborne has several more of these in the planning stages. Be sure to watch for the next one.

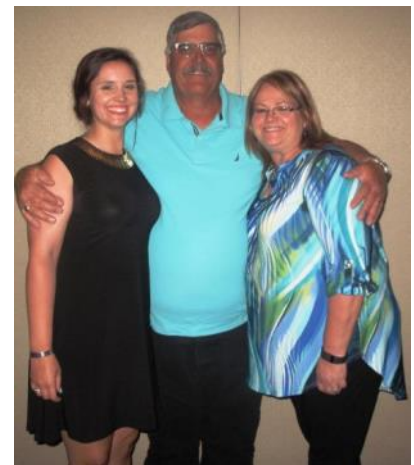
Welcome New Member

The NIRG extends a warm welcome to our newest (and youngest) member Kim Claybaugh from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Actually, Kim has been a member with her parents, Rick and Marisa, for several years. But since she is turning 21 next month, it is time for her to be a member on her own. Kim is already a member of the National Club and of Tulsa RG#39.

Kim has been a V-8er her entire life. Some of us first met her at the 1997 Central National Meet in Tulsa when she was only two years old and mom Marisa was working in registration. Kim has attended many Texas Tours, Spring Flings, and National Meets and began judging as a youth judge at the 2012 Eastern National Meet in Hiawasse; at the 2016 Central National Meet she judged for the 4th time. In addition, Kim served as one of the meet photographers and prepared the video montage for the awards banquet and the video slides to accompany the awards presentation.

Kim registered dad's 1934 Ford Fordor in the Tulsa meet and drove it to the concourse. However, she has her eyes on a very nice Early V-8 that she may soon call her own. Stay tuned.

Kim will be entering her senior year at Southwestern Oklahoma State University this fall, studying Athletic Training. After graduation next year, she plans to pursue a Masters program.



Kim, Rick, and Marisa at the 2016 CNM Awards Banquet

Dillinger Sites Tour - Crown Point Indiana

By John Emmering

An adventurous assembly of Northern Illinois Regional Group 1930's crime buffs gathered early Saturday morning June 25th at the Lincoln Oasis to begin their journey back to the "Dillinger Days" of the 1930's. The destination was the town Dillinger made famous with his daring escape: Crown Point, Indiana.

Leaving the Lincoln Oasis on the 40 minute drive to Crown Point were Ken and Carolyn Bounds, 1950 Ford Custom Convertible, Ron Dopke, modern, John Emmering, 1951 Ford Custom Fordor, Michael and Grace Mohawk, modern, Joe Novak and Millie Olds, 1953 Mercury Monterey, John and Barbara Slobodnik, modern, Ron Steck, 1940 Ford Pickup and Robin Emmering also in her modern air conditioned car. John and Robin Emmering were the event sponsors.

After a pleasant country drive the convoy entered the town square of Crown Point, Indiana seat of Lake County government. After parking it was a short walk to the rear of the old Crown Point Jail where we were met by our guide who had his eye peeled for our arrival. Our guide gave us some information on the building's exterior and ushered us into the front of the building where the old Sheriff's living quarters were once located. We learned about the history of the jail, taking shape in 1908 and expanded in 1928, when it was considered one of the largest most modern county jails in the midwest.

The interior booking area and second floor cell blocks held much interest as the site of John Dillinger's jail break using a wooden gun March 3, 1934. Also it was interesting to learn that filming was done by Universal Studios in the jail for the 2009 Johnny Depp film about the Dillinger Gang, "Public Enemies". Evidence was seen of some modifications the film crew made for shooting the picture.

After the jail tour, with temperatures hovering at 95 degrees it was time to visit the Crown Brewery Restaurant for lunch and for some, a glass of craft beer. After an enjoyable meal the group crossed the square and entered the first floor of the old 1878 Lake County Court House to pay a visit to the John Dillinger Museum. Walking through the museum, participants could review the criminal career of former Public Enemy #1. Dillinger's connection to Ford V-8's was also chronicled in a couple of the museum's pictorial displays.

Just as Dillinger had done after his 1934 escape, several of us left Crown Point in our Ford V-8's; however there were no police in pursuit as we obtained our cars legally unlike Dillinger who stole the Sheriff's 1933 Ford. The trip proved to be an enjoyable foray back to the crime prone era of the early 1930's.



Our group gathering at the oasis



Our Early V-8s in Crown Point



MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

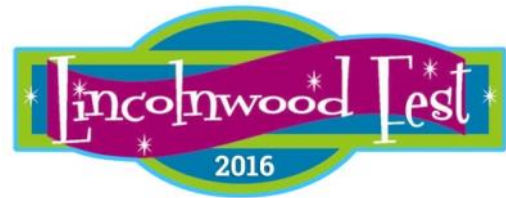
Riverview Ford Car Show - Saturday, July 16

The Riverview Ford dealership is having a "Support the Troops" day on July 16th at 2200 US-30 in Oswego. If you come, please be there between 10:00 & 10:30 for parking. It is not a normal car show but a show of support and being a Ford dealership it would be great to see a lot of old Fords. If you have questions about the show please contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001 Hope to see you there!

17th Annual Lincolnwood Fest Classic Car Show - Sunday, July 24

Paul Levine would like club members to join him at the car show to be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Proesel Park during Lincolnwood Fest 2016 in Lincolnwood.

- Free to registrants and visitors
- Only vehicles 25 years or older are eligible to participate
- First 25 cars to arrive receive free event T Shirt
- Dash plaques are given to each participant
- Food & Hospitality Tent Available at Fest Site
- Parking in the Park...nice Grass
- Flash Back 50's DJ Music
- Goodie Bags
- Raffle Prizes



Please contact Paul at 847-962-2431 and let him know if you plan to attend so he can reserve space for our cars. A signup sheet will be available at the July 19 monthly meeting.

Save the Dates for These Coming Events

Sunday August 21 - the annual NIRG Picnic will again be held at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. Watch for full details in the August Road Chatter.

Sunday August 21 - Joe Dispensa is hosting his annual LaSalle St. Auto Row Show in Aurora.

Sunday August 28 - Joe Dispensa is planning a visit and car show for Hines Hospital patients.

September 23 - 25 - Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual NIRG Lake Geneva Poker Rally. If you attended last year, you already have a hotel reservation. If you would like to participate, please contact Ken Bounds for details and how to make your hotel reservation

Saturday, October 1 - Jeff Trilling would like to arrange a group event to the "Iron Invasion" custom/modified charity car show car show at the McHenry County Fair Grounds in Woodstock.



John Emmering shares some thoughts on the passing of his Dad

Early in June I reached into the mailbox and pulled out the May/June issue of the V-8 Times. My first thought was that I would give it a quick read and get it over to my father in Villa Park as I have done since joining the club, since he appreciated each issue and read and reread every copy. I quickly realized that this issue would not end up on his dining room table as my Dad, John Baar Emmering had passed away at age 87 on May 28th after a short hospitalization.

My Dad loved Ford V-8's, learning to drive on his father's 1938 Ford Standard and having owned a 1937, 1935, 1936 and 1949 Ford back when they were just considered transportation. I was glad to share in his appreciation of Early Ford V-8's. From now on when I get a "thumbs up" from a motorist as I drive my one of my Ford V-8's I'll think of it as a "thumbs up" for my father who passed on his love for these automobiles to me.



John's Dad and his 1949 Ford Coupe in 1953

Irving Ingolf Berge • September 18, 1923 - June 25, 2016

Our condolences to Dawn and Gary Osborne on the passing of Dawn's father on June 25. Visitation is from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday, July 11, and from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Tuesday July 12 at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Road, Elmhurst. Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 12.

One of Mr. Berge's most memorable trips was going on the Honor Flight Chicago to Washington D.C. Memorials will be appreciated for Honor Flight Chicago, 938 West Montana St, Chicago, IL 60614 to honor and thank our American Veterans for their courage during World War II.

Johanna Madrigali • October 25, 1924 - June 30, 2016

Frank Madrigali's mother, Johanna, passed away June 30 after a long illness. Many of you may have met her at installation dinners and other club events. There will be a wake at 9:00 am Tuesday, July 5, at Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home, 10501 West Cermak Road, Westchester, followed by services at 11:00 am. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Our sincere condolences to Frank and Phyllis on their loss.



Wilbur Klink • August 1, 1934 - June 14, 2016

We received word from Judith Marietta that her father, long-time V-8 Club member Wilbur Klink passed away this month. Mr. Klink was a charter member of the Central Illinois regional group and was their president when the group hosted the 1975 Central National Meet. In 1978 he founded the Land of Lincoln regional group. He attended our 2014 Central National Meet.

Judith told us that she is selling his 1940 Ford Truck, a Willys Jeepster and Mullins Trailer (in Mandarin Maroon to match the '40s) along with several 1940 Ford parts, tools and miscellaneous items. If interested in any of these items, please call Judith at 724-544-3682 or her husband John at 412-671-5462. You can also e-mail Judith at judithmarietta63@hotmail.com.



JUNE 21 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

With great weather that evening several members drove to the June meeting in their vintage Ford V-8's and other classic cars. After the automotive discussions in parking lot were finished the meeting was called to order by President Scott Gilday at 7:50 pm. Scott noted that there were no guests visiting the meeting but announced a new car had joined our fleet of Early Ford V-8's as Jay Hinshaw acknowledged that he had acquired a 1940 Ford Standard. Jay said the car had been restored 29 years ago and in that time had only been driven 307 miles. The group gave hearty approval of Jay's purchase.



MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that the Northern Illinois Regional Group membership holds at 81.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS: National Club President Ken Bounds, reported that seven members from our NIRG chapter attended the Central National Meet in Tulsa. Ken commented that it was his pleasure to introduce our own Jeff Trilling and also Steve Kroger from Iowa as candidates for Director of the Midwest Region at the meet. Ken added that there now are two candidates for each director position.

Ken reminded the group of other upcoming events: The Eastern National Meet August 8-11 in Gettysburg and the Western National Meet October 17-20 in Bakersfield, California. Also the driving tours were mentioned: "Fording around the Finger Lakes" in Western New York, July 11-15. The Great Southwestern Driving Tour in Colorado, September 13-19 and the Blue Ridge Parkway National Tour, September 15-21 in North Carolina.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Serritella reported that our regional group added \$32.00 to the treasury from the May 50-50 raffle and paid out \$120.00 in normal expenses.

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT: Vice President Frank Madrigali gave the health and welfare report for his wife Phyllis, who stayed home a little under the weather. Frank reported that John Judge was doing slightly better with the difficulties he is experiencing with his hip replacement. Joe Serritella informed the group that his daughter Cathey was doing better and that after a check-up they could find no traces the brain tumor she was diagnosed with. Also Joe recounted the problems his wife Delice had experienced with a recent gall bladder attack. Joe said Delice is recovering well after surgery. Ken Bounds reported that his cataract surgery went very well and that he is enjoying exceptional vision since the procedure.

FUTURE TOURS: Paul Levine invited the group to come out for the Park Ridge Cruise Night, on Friday July 1, held in the public library parking lot (Summit Ave. between Touhy and Prospect.) Paul also invited the NIRG to participate in the free car show at the Lincolnwood Fest at Proesel Park, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, IL 10:00 am-2:00 pm Sunday July 24.

A Night at the Races has been planned by Ron Blum for Saturday July 16 with the first race starting at 7:30pm at the Hawthorne Race Track at 3501 S. Laramie Ave., Cicero, IL The cost will be \$22.00 per person which includes a program and buffet. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Duals Night in Buffalo Grove has been moved to August and our annual picnic is planned for August 21 at



Gary Osborne presents a slide show of the Route 66/Pontiac Tour

JUNE 21 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

the Timmerman Ranch in Island Lake. More details will be announced.

The break was called and members took advantage of freshly brewed coffee and cookies. As the meeting resumed Gary Osborne gave those assembled a photo recap of the Historic Illinois Pavement Tour he led to Pontiac, Illinois on Saturday June 4th. Gary's presentation showed the highlights of the first of what we hope will be many more H.I.P. tours. Stan Stack proved to be the lucky winner of the 50-50 drawing, winning \$32.00.

Members attending the June meeting were: Richard Anderson, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Jensen, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Paul Levine, Frank Madrigali, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, Joe Serritella, Russ Shmerl, Stan Stack, Jeff Trilling, and Len Vinyard.

2016 Central National Meet - Abbreviated Version By Ken Bounds



Members who attended the 2016 CNM in Tulsa had a great time. We plan to have a detailed report on the very successful meet and a lot of photos in a future issue. For now, we wanted to include a brief summary so we can get this issue out only a few days late.

Driving their Early V-8s to Tulsa were George & Dawn Zulas - '40 Tudor, Jeff Trilling - '52 Pickup (Jeff's wife Mondira joined us at the meet), and Ken & Carolyn Bounds - '51 Mercury. Trailering were Frank Koeder - '39 Coupe, John & Este Scheve - '47 Coupe, and Ron Steck - '41 Station Wagon. Joining us in a modern vehicle were John Slobodnik and son John. Several of our "long distance" members were there too: Marshal and Sue Adams from the Peoria area - '40 Pickup, Rick & Marisa Claybaugh from Tulsa, Kim Claybaugh - '34 Fordor, and Joe & Paula Baughn from Owasso, OK - '46 Coupe.

George Zulas had some minor problems which he was able to repair at the meet. Jeff Trilling had more serious problems on the way down which turned out to be caused by a blown head gasket. Although Jeff's truck missed the concourse, he was able to find repairs and drove his truck on a driving tour and without problems on the trip home.

The following, shown on the right, received awards: Ken Bounds - Dearborn Medallion, John Scheve - 2nd Place Touring A, Ron Steck - 2nd Place Concourse, Frank Koeder - Dearborn Award, and Jeff Trilling - Hard Luck Trophy.

Also receiving awards but not shown were Kim Claybaugh - 1st Place Touring, Marshal Adams - 1st Place Touring, and Joe Baughn - 1st Place Touring A.

We plan to report much more in the August issue.





10 Years Ago This Month – July 2006

On July 9-15, eleven NIRG members drove five Early V-8s on a tour to the 2006 Eastern National Meet in Batavia, New York. They came home with four 1st Place trophies, a Rouge Medallion, and many stories to tell, including a complete washout of concourse day and another deluge on the trip home. On July 23, about 40 NIRG members plus family and guests and a large group of Early V-8s attended the annual picnic hosted by Don & Elaine Braun.

20 Years Ago This Month – July 1996

On the weekend of July 19-21, a large group of 34 members and spouses driving ten Early V-8s plus other classic vehicles toured to Door County, Wisconsin. Everyone had a great time on the tour, hosted by Joey & Nancy Novak. They particularly enjoyed the tour of Chuck Davis' museum on Washington Island. The July 28 annual picnic, hosted by Ralph and April Morey on the Fox River, was well attended even though mother nature decided to provide her own form of liquid entertainment.

30 Years Ago This Month – July 1986

The big event was finally here. From July 17-20, the NIRG hosted its first Central National Meet at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. The meet was a huge success thanks to the largest attendance to date of a Central Meet and the support of many club members. It would be talked about for years to come. The July Road Chatter contained a feature story on Joe Kozmic's 1937 Coupe as well as a replica of the first club newsletter issued in February 1969.

40 Years Ago This Month – July 1976

The July newsletter appealed to members to send in stories and pictures about their cars. (Editor: hint, hint.) Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a well-attended tour of Volo and the Wauconda area July 25. Around 60 V-8 members, family, and friends in over 20 Early V-8s and a few modern cars enjoyed a full day of driving, museums, orchards, collections, and all-around fun.

Flathead Flashback

The stainless 1936 Ford Tudor at our 1986 Central National Meet, 30 years ago this month. Photo from Marty Duling collection.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>May 12 Board Meeting 15 Breakfast and Trolley Museum Tour 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>June 4 Tour to Pontiac 9 Board Meeting 12-16 CNM, Tulsa 21 Member Meeting 25 Crown Point Tour</p>	<p>July 1 Cruise Night, Park Ridge 14 Board Meeting 16 Riverview Ford Show 16 Night at the Races 19 Member Meeting 24 Lincolnwood Show</p>	<p>August 8-11 Eastern National Meet, Gettysburg 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Annual Picnic, Island Lake</p>
<p>September 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 15 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
RICK CLAYBAUGH (7/2), JOANNE LINZER (7/2), JOAN KELLY (7/4),
GINNY ASHLEY (7/13), JORDON BELLER (7/13), AMANDA SARGIS (7/14),
TOM YOUNG (7/14), NORM COLLINS (7/17), RHONDA MILLER (7/18),
PAUL LINZER (7/19), TONY MIRELES (7/19), & PAT MARONEY (7/21)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
GEORGE & SANDRA KUBIK (7/1),
& RICH & MARY ANDERSON (7/29)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.



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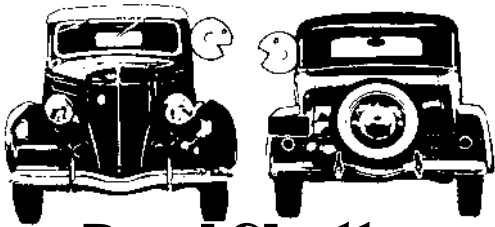
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