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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

May 15 Breakfast & Trolley Museum Tour. See page 3.

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

June 4 Driving tour down Route 66 to Pontiac, IL. See page 4.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 21-22 51st Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Boone County Fairgrounds, Admission \$7

May 29 45th Annual Auto Show Swap Meet & Craft Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission, show cars \$15

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our Eggs & Eights hosts, Robin & John Emmering.



May 30

Attention Members

At the April monthly meeting there was discussion of the possibility of our group hosting the 2017 Central National Meet. Although 90% of the members present voted in favor of the meet, the Board would like to hear from more of our membership. Please see the ballot enclosed in this issue and let us know your opinion.

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MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to May. Based on the warmer weather, it's starting to feel more like springtime. I've finally had the opportunity to get my '41 out with the top down and enjoy the nice cool breeze. Hopefully you've had your V-8 out a couple of times by now.



Looking back on last month, I would like to thank John Emmering for organizing our Eggs and Eights Breakfast at Egg Harbor Café in Geneva. John had a great turnout and we all enjoyed some great food. In addition to this, thanks go out to Jeff Trilling for doing a very interesting two-part Tech Talk. First, Jeff gave an informative presentation on lubing and repairing the fan pulley bearing in 40s and early 50s era V-8s. In addition to this, he provided a thorough photo history of the Lee Roy Hartung collection in Glenview just before it was completely liquidated at auction. It was amazing to see the number of rare (and also not so rare) items that he collected (...and I thought my garage was a mess).

Looking forward to this month, in addition to our regular monthly meeting, George Zulas will be hosting a breakfast and tour to the South Elgin Trolley Museum on May 15. After starting with breakfast in Roselle, the group will drive to South Elgin where we can tour the museum and actually ride an old trolley. Please be sure to let George know if you plan on attending.

I look forward to seeing you at club events this month.

Scott Gilday
NIRG President

Save the Date • Saturday, June 25

The "Crime Doesn't Pay" Tour

Our "crime reporter" John Emmering has arranged a driving tour to Crown Point, Indiana, where we will tour the interesting collection at the John Dillinger Museum located at the historic Lake County Court House. We will have lunch together in a restaurant on the town square; arrangements have been made for our group to have a guided tour of the old Sheriff's residence and jail area where John Dillinger made his escape in 1934.



The tour is sponsored by John & Robin Emmering. Sign-up sheets will be available at the June members' meeting. For more information on the tour or to sign up by phone call John Emmering at 630-213-9944 or email shoeboxford.john@gmail.com.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Sunday, May 15 • Join Your Fellow V-8ers for Breakfast and a Tour of the Fox River Trolley Museum

Breakfast: 10:00 am, Mr. A's Restaurant, 609 E Irving Park Rd, Roselle. Park in restaurant lot or across Irving in the train station lot near the water tower.



After Breakfast: We will tour about 17 miles to the Fox River Trolley Museum, 365 South LaFox Street (Illinois Route 31) in South Elgin. Driving directions will be provided. At the museum we will enjoy a ride on one of the restored electric trolleys. The fare is \$5, but only \$3 for seniors.



Your Hosts: This event is being hosted by George & Dawn Zulas. If you would like to attend this event and did not sign up at the April meeting, please contact George at 630-582-2056 or 630-460-0095 so he can get a head count for the restaurant and the museum. Please let him know how many are attending. If the weather is nice, bring out your Early V-8. Of course, other classics or modern cars are always welcome.

MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**H. I. P.*****HISTORIC ILLINOIS PAVEMENT*****Tours****This is Where You Want to Be!****Saturday June 4th at 8:00 A.M.**

This is our first of a series of tours called Historic Illinois Pavement Tours. We will meet at the McDonald's on Route 53 in Bolingbrook, one mile south of I-55 on the corner of Route 53 and Marquette Drive. From there we will leave at 8:30 and travel along as much of Historic Route 66 as we can.

Along the way there will be several stops and photo opportunities before our arrival in Pontiac, Illinois. There we will visit the Pontiac-Oakland, and Route 66 Museums. Lunch will be at a local establishment. We anticipate leaving Pontiac about 3:00 P.M.

Let's get those Early Ford V-8s out and get our "Kicks on Route 66!"

This tour is being arranged by Gary Osborne. If you plan to go on the tour, please contact Gary at 630-584-3286 and let him know how many will be attending and what car you plan to drive so he can make reservations. Also, a sign-up sheet will be available at the May members' meeting.

Eggs & Eights Breakfast 2016

By John Emmering

Neither rain nor cold weather prevented 25 NIRG members from enjoying breakfast together at the Egg Harbor Café Sunday April 10. Club members gathered at 8:30 am and ordered up their favorite breakfast fare while conversing about their past winter activities and things planned for spring and summer. Normally the event serves as a time to get the V-8's out for an early spring drive and display them to Geneva locals. This year the weatherman refused to cooperate as light rain and cold temperatures prevailed resulting in our V-8's remaining garaged.

Gathered for breakfast were Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Ron & Arlene Blum, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, John & Robin Emmering (event sponsors), Scott Gilday, John Judge, James Larson, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Gary Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Barbara Slobodnik, John & Este Scheve, Ron & Colleen Steck, Jeff Trilling, and George & Dawn Zulas. After an enjoyable breakfast participants parted ways hoping that warm clear weather will prevail for our next event in May.



Judy, Tom, and Dan



Barb & John



Dawn & George



Este & John



Frank & Phyllis



John J



Dan, Scott, James, and Colleen



Part of the crowd



APRIL 19 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

Members filed in for the April meeting after checking out Ken Bounds' 1951 Mercury and Jeff Trilling's 1952 Ford Pickup which were driven to the meeting. President Scott Gilday called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Scott introduced a visitor, Ron Ek, who previously was a NIRG member. Ron said that he has acquired four collector cars including a stock 1938 Ford coupe which he will be offering for sale.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ken Bounds welcomed Paul Lunecki who just renewed his membership and is an active member once again. Ken further stated that we are at 81 members at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Treasurer Joe Serritella, Scott Gilday gave the treasurer's report, which was submitted by Joe via email. The report states that income was \$122.00 mainly from the 50-50 raffle and membership dues. Expenditures were \$240.62 for the newsletter and meeting room.

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT: Frank Madrigali gave the report as Phyllis was not feeling well and did not attend. Frank reported that John Judge has some difficulty with his leg and was told to stay off it for a while so he was unable to attend the meeting. Frank also said that Alan Wall had called him and let him know that he is in physical therapy and doing pretty well.

PAST TOUR REPORTS:

- Frank Madrigali reported on the tour he sponsored to the Jordon Beller Museum in Romeoville on March 26th. The tour started out with lunch at the Stone City Pub. Frank recounted that the weather was nice and an enjoyable time was had with about 20 members touring the collection.
- John Emmering reported on the April 10 "Eggs and Eights" breakfast at Egg Harbor restaurant in Geneva, IL. Twenty-five members attended and enjoyed breakfast together. Unfortunately inclement weather prevented participants from driving their Early V-8s.

FUTURE TOURS

- George Zulas reported on his upcoming tour to be held Sunday May 15th. George said that the group will meet at Mr. A's Restaurant at 609 E. Irving Park Rd. in Roselle at 10:00 am for breakfast and proceed to the Trolley Museum in South Elgin. See announcement in this issue.
- Gary Osborne announced his Route 66 tour for Saturday June 4th driving down to Pontiac, Illinois. The group will stop twice en route to view historic points.
- John Emmering announced the Saturday June 25th tour he is sponsoring to Crown Point Indiana. We will visit the John Dillinger Museum, the Old Sheriff's Residence and County Jail and the Lake County Historical Museum. Participants will meet at the Denny's Restaurant at 7737 Kingery Highway (Rt. 83) at 8:30 am and will proceed to Crown Point taking in the attractions having lunch in Crown Point and departing at around 3:00 pm.
- Paul Levine suggested that our group participate in the Park Ridge Cruise Night Friday July 1 located at the Library parking lot, 20 S. Prospect Ave., in Park Ridge. Those interested would need to try to arrive between 5:00 - 6:00 pm. There will be more announcements in Road Chatter and a sign-up sheet to come.

APRIL 19 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS: Ken Bounds, National President of the early Ford V-8 Club of America offered his report of national activities. Ken announced that the March/April V-8 Times and Roster are out and should have arrived. The Membership Roster came out in a slightly condensed form eliminating some information that is available on the National website and saving \$15,000 in costs. The new version of the National Club website was posted on April 2 and most members' impressions of the new format have been positive.

Ken announced that one candidate from Iowa has submitted paperwork to run for Director of the Central Region and our own Jeff Trilling is planning to submit his resume for the position. On the subject of National Meets, Ken reported that at least eight of our members have signed up to go to the Central National Meet in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Everyone going to Tulsa should have received a route plan for the drive. The group will depart on Saturday June 11 for Tulsa driving over two days with a stop in Lebanon, Missouri.

Ken announced that the 2017 Eastern National Meet will be held in June 7-11, 2017 at Chantilly, Virginia. Ken further discussed the plans for the Western National Meet in Bakersfield, California October 17-20, 2016. The meet will be sponsored by the national club board of directors. So far 95 participants have registered.

2017 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET: Discussion was held on the feasibility of our Regional Group sponsoring a 2017 Central National Meet in Springfield, Illinois. Members voted on whether they thought holding another meet in Springfield was a good idea regardless if they felt they could work the meet or not. Final vote was 28 in favor of holding another Central National Meet in Springfield with three opposed. After the vote Ken Bounds said he would check with the venue in Springfield for availability and pricing.

At 8:40 pm we broke the meeting for our coffee and cookie break. We reconvened and Jeff Trilling gave a two-part presentation. The first part was on the lubrication of the fan pulley on Ford trucks of the era of Jeff's 1952 Pickup and Ford cars of the '40s. The second half of Jeff's presentation featured a photographic tour of the collection of the late Lee Roy Hartung which he kept in Glenview. There were many interesting rare old automobiles, bicycles, and motorcycles in the collection.

Our visitor Ron Ek had the honor of drawing the 50-50 ticket and Frank Koeder came up the lucky winner with the \$38.00 jackpot.

Members in attendance were: Richard Anderson, Ken Bounds, Allen Bryant, Sam Dix, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Jensen, Charles Kaiser, Frank Koeder, George Kubik, Paul Levine, Paul Linzer, Paul Lunecki, Frank Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Sheve, Russ Shmerl, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling & Mondira Bhattacharya, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, Larry Webb, and George Zulas.

Your editors were traveling for Easter and were unable to attend the Beller Museum Tour in March. We did not receive a report or any pictures for the *Road Chatter*, but we understand the approximately 20 members who attended had a good lunch and an interesting tour of the museum.

After the tour, we received a note from Jordon: *A club member was interested in a type of glue I use to bond glass. The name of the product is Crazy Glue. Reorder number of this product is KG785. I was unable to purchase it at my local hardware store, but found it available through McMaster Carr.*



10 Years Ago This Month – May 2006

The May Road Chatter contained a reprint of a December 1968 *Rod & Custom* article covering the 1968 Western National Meet in Lake Tahoe. That issue also welcomed new members Jim & Karen Prickett. On May 28, several members attended the 35th Annual AACA Silver Springs car show in Sandwich; new engines in the cars of Joe Kozmic, Joey Novak, and Ken Bounds ran great.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 1996

On May 19 Bud Guzzo hosted a tour to the Hartford Heritage Auto Museum in Hartford, Wisconsin. George Cech led the group of club members driving four Early V-8s and several other classics about 80 miles from Lindenhurst to Hartford. After visiting the museum, the group had lunch at the Mineshaft restaurant. At the May 21 monthly meeting, Lloyd Duzell presented a tech talk on metal finishing.

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1986

The May Road Chatter contained a detailed progress report on the Central National Meet by Chairman Marty Duling. Registrations had passed 100 (132 by the May 13 monthly meeting). Marty announced that the authors of *The Early Ford V-8 as Henry Built It*, Ed Francis and George DeAngelis, would be presenting a seminar at the meet. At the May 13 monthly meeting, Chester Lawrence gave a tech talk about Early Ford V-8 timing adjustments.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1976

The May newsletter contained an article from Diane Wrobel about Chuck's 1946 Ford Fordor that he had purchased on Mother's Day 1973. Over 40 members and family attended a short business meeting on May 11, followed by a tour of Ed Sackley's garage. On May 23, Don & Elaine Braun hosted a great turnout of 63 V-8 members and family at a picnic at Pheasant Valley Hunt Club in Kenosha. Among the Early V-8s was Chester Lawrence's just-restored '40 Convertible.

Flathead Flashback

This photo, taken at the 2006 Sandwich car show, was captioned in the Road Chatter as a "future flathead flashback."



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**STAN STACK (5/2), PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (5/4), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),
JOHN ELLIS (5/9), GRACE MOHAWK (5/9), JOHN BAUER (5/17),
PAUL LUNECKI (5/17), FRANK KOEDER (5/18), IRENE VINYARD (5/18),
GARY OSBORNE (5/20), JEFF TRILLING (5/22),
MONDIRA BHATTACHARYA (5/30), & GINNY MAGNUSSON (5/31)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**DON & ELAINE BRAUN (5/4), BOB & RHONDA MILLER (5/5),
SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6), NEIL & JULIE MCMANUS (5/14),
MIKE & SUSAN FREUND (5/17), SAM & NINA VAN BRUGGEN (5/24),
JOHN & ROBIN EMMERING (5/31), & PAUL & JOANNE LINZER (5/31)**

**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. **Price reduced to \$13,500** for Club members - would like to see it stay in the Club. Contact Cliff Dixon at 630-629-2104.

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.

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.

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 Obecnycy at 708-772-1925.

1953 Ford Customline Fordor (right), 6 cylinder, 13,000 original miles. Contact Roger Obecnycy at 708-772-1925.

1930 Model A Fordor Sedan, belonged to Joe Prusinski (now deceased), an acquaintance of Jordon Beller. The car is in "ready to go" condition: new battery, new oil, checked fluid levels for steering-transmission-rear end. Inspected lighting and replaced a few light bulbs. Rebuilt the carburetor, drained, cleaned and refilled the gas tank. Removed brake drums, inspected shoes-drums-brake rods, etc. Adjusted and tested brakes. Spark plugs removed, cleaned, adjusted and reinserted. It does start quickly and drives nicely. Asking \$15,000 or best offer. Any questions, please contact Jordon Beller (630) 816-1932 or e-mail b1932@hotmail.com.



Wanted

Gas gauge for 1935 Ford 1/2 ton pickup. Contact Paul Levine at 847-676-1593.

Your contributions to the Road Chatter. Please submit articles about your car, technical articles, or items for the V-8 Gals page to the Road Chatter Editors. Contact information is shown on Page 2.



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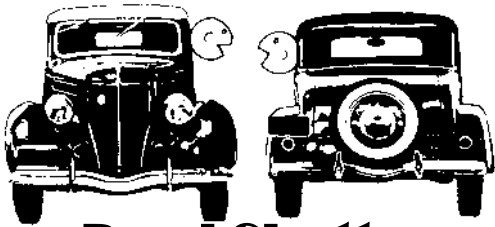
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