

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

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

September 23-25 - Ninth Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - see page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Sept 5 12th Annual Labor Day Car Show, Batavia, 9-3, \$20 registration.

Sept 22 Fall begins at 9:21 am CDT. Perfect driving weather for your Early V-8!

Sept 23-25 39th Annual Fall Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI, Admission \$8.

Oct 1 - Iron Invasion, Woodstock - see page 10.

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Finally, be sure to cast your ballot in the National Directors election.

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Page 12 – Our V-8 Gals page this month is a whimsical look at the use of handkerchiefs in years gone by, courtesy of Delice Serritella.

Page 14 – Don't forget our For Sale and Wanted ads. There are lots of bargains this month.

Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our trophy winners at the 2016 Eastern National Meet.



Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the September monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking - it may be our last chance this year! Tonight's tech talk will be presented by John Emmering - see Page 9 for details.

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FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to September. Hopefully you've got some great Labor Day plans that involve driving your V-8 (in addition to the barbeque).

We had a busy August. First, I'd like to thank Don & Elaine Braun for once again hosting our annual picnic at Timmerman's Ranch and Ken Bounds for making the arrangements. We had great weather and a great turnout of members and their V-8s. In addition to all the fun our "senior" members got to have, the juniors had a great time as well. We'll have to get them some V-8s!



Next, I thank Ron Blum for hosting Duals Night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove, where we had great weather, some great burgers and malts, and a chance to kick the tires. I'd also like to thank Joe Dispensa for holding his annual Historic LaSalle Street Auto Row Show in Aurora following his theme of honoring our veterans. Lastly, I thank Joe Serritella for providing a very interesting Tech Talk on voltage regulators.

This month, in addition to our regular monthly meeting, Ken & Carolyn Bounds will be hosting the 9th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally on September 23rd - 25th. This fun event is a great way to enjoy a nice weekend tour in the Wisconsin countryside with fellow V-8ers before the weather starts to change. In addition to this, on October 1st, Jeff Trilling will be hosting V-8ers at the Iron Invasion car show at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock. This is sure to be a fun event.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's events.

Scott Gilday
NIRG President

FROM THE EDITORS

We keep asking for stories about members' Early V-8s. No one wants to send them in, so we give up. Uncle. But we hear that there is an interest in doing stories about "My First Car." Thanks to Ron Blum, we present the first of this series - see page 6. Watch for more next month. Also, thank you to the ladies who have sent in items for the V-8 Gals page - keep 'em coming!



Ken & Carolyn

MEETINGS

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

NEWSLETTER

Send submissions to Editor, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or e-mail editor@nirgv8.org or call 630-858-9474

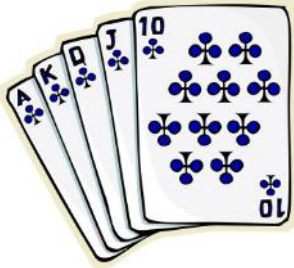
Publishing deadline is the 25th of the month.

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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

9th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 23 - 25

The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! You are invited to join your Northern Illinois Group friends for a driving tour to the Lake Geneva area for our ninth annual poker rally Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25.



We will gather at 9:00 am at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads Friday morning September 23, **leaving at 9:30 am** for the tour to the Lake Geneva area. There will be a lunch stop about noon - you never know how we will get there.

We are staying at the Delavan Comfort Suites (262-740-1000). If you had a room last year, your room is already reserved for this year. Although the deadline for reserving rooms has passed, if you do not have a room and want to attend, please contact

Ken Bounds to see if we can find you accommodations.

We have planned a fun, relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants and plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing.

This year our Saturday driving tour will take us to Monroe, Wisconsin, where we will visit the Minhas Micro Distillery and the National Historic Cheesemaking Museum.

We will be playing our traditional poker game with prizes awarded for the best poker hand and the worst hand. Weather permitting, we will be playing car games either Friday afternoon or Sunday morning. Also, we plan to play the ever popular people games.

Please confirm with Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 or at ken@boundshome.com to let him know if you plan to participate in this event. There will be a final confirmation at the September meeting so we can get a good count for reservations at various restaurants.



Reserve These Dates for More Upcoming Events

October 15 - Ron Steck is planning a **fall colors tour** for Saturday October 15. We will meet at 8:30 at Pheasant Run, leaving at 9:00 and traveling west on Rt. 64 to Rt. 251, north to Rt. 20 west to Rt. 2, then travel south through Oregon and have lunch at White Pines State Park. We will have lunch at noon at a restaurant that at one time was gas station. If we arrive early we can look around and there is a little shop there as well. Ron will have a signup sheet at September's meeting or call him at 630-777-4001 if you would like to participate.

November 12 - Our Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 12 at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Watch for details in the November Road Chatter.

December - Date and Location To Be Determined. Our annual Christmas Brunch/Luncheon is in the planning stages. Watch for details in a future edition of the Road Chatter.

Annual NIRG Picnic By Ken Bounds

On a picture-postcard perfect August 21, members of the NIRG gathered once again at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake for our annual picnic. These picnics have been an important tradition for the club for nearly 50 years. The picnic was hosted by Don & Elaine Braun, who have hosted so many club picnics over the years no one can count. Our venue was again at the ranch owned by the Braun's long-time friends Art & Carol Timmermann.

There were many members, family, friends, and guests in attendance, along with a number of vintage cars. We tried to note them all, but probably missed some. Those we can identify include our hosts, Don & Elaine Braun, Ron Blum - '40 Fordor, Ken & Carolyn Bounds - '50 Convertible, Norm Collins and granddaughter Corrinne - '41 Mercury, Ron Dopke & friend Bernice, John & Robin Emmering - '51 Fordor, Scott & Nicole Gilday with daughters Reese & Ciena - '41 Convertible, Pat & Dee Maroney, Michael & Grace Mohawk, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell & family - '53 Lincoln, Gary & Dawn Osborne and daughter Joyanna, Dan & Diane Pudelek with son-in-law John, daughter Catherine and grandchildren Isabelle and Jack, Joe & Delice Serritella, Lin & Pat Stacey - '42 Sedan Coupe, Stan & JoAnne Stack - '53 Tudor, Len & Irene Vinyard - '57 T-Bird, Larry Webb & friend Virgie Burnquist - '63 Studebaker, and George & Dawn Zulas and son Tom - '40 Tudor. A special guest, invited by Scott, was "Mercury Ed" Suchorski from Muskego, Wisconsin. Ed owns a super-rare '42 Mercury convertible, but sadly did not bring it.

A nice group of members arrived early to set up the club tent and the tables and chairs. No members were lost in the raising of the tent, which was exciting as usual. As more members and Early V-8s kept arriving, our good friends Bob & Cathy Sochacki began cooking the feast of burgers, brats, and dogs. Carolyn and Ken sold 50-50 raffle tickets as groups of attendees renewed friendships and kicked a few tires. It was great to see Don and Elaine and the Timmermanns provided super hospitality. There was plenty of fun for the kids too as they played around the grounds. The highlight for them had to be the horse rides.

It is always amazing to see the number of side dishes and desserts brought by members to the picnic. With those items and the entrees provided by the club, everyone had plenty to eat. After the meal and a few "thank-yous" Elaine pulled the ticket of "Diamond" Joe Serritella who took home an extra \$133 in the 50-50 raffle.

The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting or examining the cars. As it came time for members to begin the trip home, many volunteers worked to break down the tables, chairs, and tent and clean up the property. It was a super day of fun, food, and fellowship.



The perfect weather brought out a nice turnout of Early V-8s and other classics

There are many people to thank. Our hosts the Brauns and the Timmermanns, Ron Blum for storing and delivering the tent, Stan Stack for arranging rental of the tables and chairs, Joe & Delice Serritella for bringing the paper goods, beverages, condiments, and table coverings, and Bob & Cathy for the cooking. Thanks to all members who contributed in many ways to make this event a success.



Our cooks, Bob & Cathy



Plenty of time for just visiting - like the Osbornes did



The line was worth the wait as everyone enjoyed the meal



My First Car - Not a Ford

By Ron Blum

It was 1958 and I was a junior at Evanston High School. I was 17 and wanted a car like the other "guys". My father was going to buy a new car and I wanted his 1955 Plymouth Savoy 4 door sedan. It was black with a white top, funny looking red interior and the shift lever for automatic was on the dash. There was only one problem, there were conditions. I had to stop chewing my nails and promise to drive my parents around when they could no longer drive. I agreed.

The next day I drew up a contract - very legal looking to my 17 year old eyes.

Two months later, I had stopped chewing my nails and the car was mine for one dollar.

Since I was already married and my father-in-law owned a chrome plating company, I was going to have the coolest Plymouth in town. I had my valve covers, oil cap, air cleaner, and fan blades all chromed for free. I then proceeded to have the car "nosed and decked" which was the expression in the 50's for taking off all extraneous trim on the car and filling in the holes with lead. The finishing touch was to put on skirts. I told my mother this but she had no idea what I meant.

Arlene and I decided to name the car "Sally Savoy." We have kept up this tradition of naming our cars ever since. We kept the car until 1961 when I bought a Chevrolet Impala 348 V-8, three speed, named "Pamela Impala." Of course, I took it up to Union Grove dragstrip after I put on laces pipes and ran several times over the next few years.



Ron looking "cool" with his '55 Plymouth

I have owned my 1940 Ford Fordor Deluxe in Garnet red since 1996, longer than any other car I ever had.

Oh.....by the way his name is "Humphrey" in honor of the 1940's movie star, Humphrey Bogart.

Duals Night

Culver's - Buffalo Grove

By Ron Blum

The duals night on August 13 was underwhelming, but the weather was perfect - 79 degrees and we sat in the shade. We all had discount coupons and sat at one table together. No one left till 8:30 PM and NO mosquitos. Lots of talk about politics, not so much cars.

The participants were: Ron and Arlene Blum, '40 Ford, our neighbor Audrey Rohlinger, Stan and Joanne Stack, '53 Ford, Jeff Trilling, '52 Ford pickup, Scott Gilday, '67 Mustang, and Dan and Diane Pudelek, modern iron.



Our Tour to the 2016 Eastern National Meet By Ken Bounds

A small group of NIRG members attended the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the week of August 8-11. On Saturday, August 6, Joey Novak and Millie Olds ('53 Mercury) met Ken & Carolyn Bounds ('50 Convertible) at the Lincoln Oasis to begin the trip. It was perfect weather for the uneventful 426-mile drive into Pennsylvania; the cars ran flawlessly. We spent the first night near Pittsburgh and were joined there for very nice dinner by Joe & Delice Serritella. They had planned to drive their '41 Coupe but were forced into modern iron due to Joe's recent accident.

Sunday morning we all completed the 218-mile into Gettysburg. There we began the fun of meet registration and meeting old friends. Most activities, including the concourse, swap meet, trailer parking, meetings, and meals were at the meet hotel - it was a great venue. Sunday night George and Dawn Zulas arrived, trailering their '40 Tudor.

On Monday, Joey, Millie, Carolyn, and I spent some time doing "meet stuff" and exploring the swap meet, then headed into Gettysburg where we enjoyed lunch, then a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, the museum, and the cyclorama. The cyclorama, painted in 1884, is an incredible depiction of Pickett's Charge, measuring 42 feet high by 377 feet in circumference.

On Tuesday, while the others immersed themselves in the meet experience, Carolyn and I had "other duties" assigned. We had the Meet the President meeting, the Foundation meeting, and the Owners/Judges meeting. In the evening we all attended the welcome party. I had a few minutes to address the gathering. A highlight was presentation of a 1949 Ford clock to Jack Price from Indiana - more about that at a later date. That evening the Welcome Party had good food and outstanding entertainment. Somehow, Carolyn and I both ended up on stage. I think we were set up.



This snapshot of the cyclorama doesn't do it justice

Wednesday was concourse day. What a busy day! While I attended to judging duties, Carolyn was in charge of the tabulation room. Millie had a good time working in the room and Joey helped the runners bring in judging sheets. One unusual event occurred when a member showed up about 6:00 pm to have his car judged - he thought the concourse was Friday. Because of his circumstances, John McBurney and I judged the car, along with help from Jeff Horrocks.

On Thursday Carolyn and I worked with the host group to prepare and set up trophies for the awards banquet while the others enjoyed various tours. The awards banquet was a good time with good food and service. The awards presentation went along smoothly and quickly. A big thrill for me was to award the "President's Choice" trophy to Jim Parsons from West Virginia. Joey was awarded a 1st Place trophy in Touring A for his Mercury while we were presented a 2nd Place in Touring for our convertible.

These meets seem to come to an end all too quickly. After saying many goodbyes, we had time to enjoy a few beverages in the parking lot (as we had done most nights) before calling it a night.

Bright and early Friday morning Joey and Millie and Ken and Carolyn left Gettysburg for the drive home. Seven hundred miles and 14½ hours later, we were home. The cars ran great, but we hit terrible rain. It was so bad in Ohio that we had to pull over for a while. The rain continued all the way home but we made it safely and look back on a super meet.

AUGUST 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by John Emmering

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by President Scott Gilday as the members trailed in from the parking lot after having a time of conversation and appreciation of the Ford V-8s driven to the meeting. George Zulas' son Tom was a visitor at the meeting.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS: The membership report was delivered by Ken Bounds, membership chairman. Ken reported that there are 82 members presently on the roster. Ken related that he had been contacted by the owner of a 1942 Ford Station wagon named Alan Blum who could be a prospective new member in the future.

NATIONAL CLUB NEWS: Ken, the National President of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, went into his report on national club news. Ken recounted that the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was a success. Ken also reminded us that the Western National Meet is coming up October 17-20 and will be held in Bakersfield, California. Ken also mentioned the two National Ford V-8 driving tours that are coming up soon. September 13-19 the Great Southwestern Driving Tour will take place in Colorado, and the Blue Ridge Parkway National Tour will be held September 18-22 in North Carolina. Ken mentioned some of the events planned for next year, including the 2017 Eastern National Meet sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Group June 7-11, 2017, in Chantilly, Virginia. Ken mentioned that registration forms can be found on our NIRG website at this time. Ken continued that the National board has approved a Western National Meet to be held in Salem Oregon, September 11-14, 2017, sponsored by the Columbia River Regional Group. In closing Ken encouraged all members to vote for national directors with the ballots supplied in the current V-8 Times. Ken also reminded us that our own Jeff Trilling is a candidate for Midwest Director. Ken pointed out that Peter Foley, who is running for Southeast Director, at one time was a member of the NIRG.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Joe Serritella reported another uneventful month with only the routine financial transactions. Income was \$25.00 from the 50-50 raffle. Expenses consisted of \$45.00 for rent on our meeting place and \$107.09 spent on the Road Chatter Newsletter.

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT: Phyllis Madrigali had no announcements to make on the subject of members' health & welfare.

PAST EVENTS: Tom O'Donnell reported on the Early Ford V-8 Foundation's Motorfest which he attended in Auburn, Indiana July 27-30. Tom said that he enjoyed the event and learned about some Early Ford V-8 Foundation projects. Tom said the foundation has raised one third of the funds necessary to build the expansion to the existing museum building. Ron Blum reported on the "Duals Night" at the Culver's in Buffalo Grove August 13th. Ron recalled that it was an intimate group consisting of three Ford V-8's and some modern iron, but it was a good time.

Ken Bounds gave a report on the Eastern National Meet. Ken reported that he and Carolyn drove their 1950 Ford Custom Convertible accompanied by Joe Novak and Millie Olds in Joe's 1953 Mercury Monterey and Joe and Delice Serritella in modern. George and Dawn Zulas also joined the group in Gettysburg; George trailered his 1940 Tudor. Ken recalled some of the side trips and entertainment. Ken and Joey won trophies in Touring and Touring A respectively.

AUGUST 16 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

FUTURE TOURS/EVENTS: The upcoming Sunday August 21st picnic was discussed. Volunteers for setting up the tent, tables, and chairs were asked to arrive by 9:00 am and members were requested to bring a side dish to share as meat will be provided. Joe Dispensa spoke about his event, the LaSalle St. Auto Row Show which unfortunately coincides with the date of the picnic. Joe invited all those who were unable to travel to the picnic to join in the festivities at the LaSalle Street Show. Joe also announced the new date for the Hines Hospital Veteran Car display as Saturday September 24th. Anyone interested can contact Joe Dispensa for more details. (Note: the Hines Hospital event has been cancelled.)

Ken Bounds announced the 9th Annual Poker Rally for September 23-25. Participants will meet at the corner of Arlington Heights Road and Palatine Road Friday morning September 23rd and proceed to the Comfort Suites of Delevan, Wisconsin, with a stop for lunch in-between. Saturday will feature a driving tour and banquet in the evening with activities Sunday morning before driving home. Jeff Trilling mentioned that he will be attending the Iron Invasion Traditional Hot Rod, Customs and Cycle event Saturday October 1, at the McHenry County Fairgrounds. Jeff said he would bring a sign-up sheet to the September meeting for those interested in participating. Tour Chairman Ron Steck announced a fall colors tour that he is planning for Saturday October 15. Ron is planning to lead the tour northwest to the Rockford area and stop at the White Pines State Park. Ron said more information will be available next month and in the Road Chatter. Jeff Trilling said he would research a 50th Anniversary event for 2017 at Ravinia. The venue could include a dinner and a concert. Jeff said he would sponsor the event if the group decides to hold the event there.

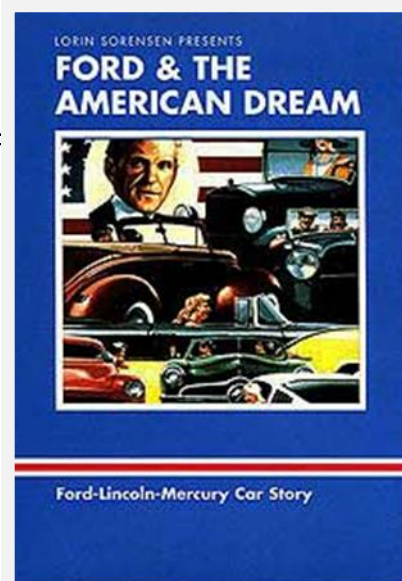
The meeting paused for a break and afterwards Joe Serritella gave a tech talk on early Ford V-8 voltage regulators. Joe brought in several display regulators and explained the function and care of the voltage regulator. After the talk the 50-50 drawing was held and Ken Bounds went away the winner of \$30.00.

Members attending the August meeting were: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Joe Dispensa, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Jensen, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Paul Linzer, Paul Lunecki, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, Russ Shmerl, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, Len Vinyard, and George Zulas.

Come for September's Tech Talk Ford & the American Dream

The tech talk at the September 20 monthly meeting will feature a screening of Lorin Sorenson's 1990 film *Ford and the American Dream* presented by John Emmering. The film covers the era of the Model T, Model A and of course the Ford V-8 era. There are segments on Lincoln and Mercury cars too.

No Early V-8 owner should go away disappointed after seeing the film as most all of our cars are covered. The segment in September will be in the realm of Ford Automobile appreciation and should be enjoyable to all.



MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Jeff Trilling Invites NIRG Members to Attend
IRON INVASION • October 1, 2016
McHenry County Fairgrounds
1050 Country Club Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

The fairgrounds are next to 975 Country Club Road, one mile North of Route 14 on Route 47, Woodstock. When you see McDonalds, Jewel Osco, and Panera Bread, turn east at Country Club Road, come to the furthest gate right across from 1050 Country Club road.

Tickets are \$15.00 per person at the gate, \$10.00 per person advance purchase (before 9/24)
<https://form.jotform.com/61652826820962>

The show opens at 8:00 am. However lineup for cars to enter the Fairgrounds opens at 6:00AM. **Jeff wants a few people to meet up with him in Woodstock at 5:45AM.** If there are a few of us it will make it easier to reserve the extra spaces we need so we can all park together. Jeff will have coffee, donuts and a nice green tailgate to serve breakfast on as we wait for the show to open. Jeff will pass around a signup sheet at the next meeting. Those interested in the advance ticket price can pay Jeff at the meeting and he can purchase your ticket.

A little bit more about Iron Invasion:

- Iron Invasion is a Traditional Hot Rod and Custom Show.
- This means no Billet and No Digital Gauges.
- Cars from 1948-1964 should have 2 visual modifications.
- ALL Cars that are PRE '48 are welcome! **STOCK is OK!**
- If your car has aftermarket accessories that are AFTER 1965 then you may find yourself in the Friends parking.
- We love all kinds of cars - and this is why all are welcome!
- Only cars that are from 1964 or older get into the Show Area.

For full information and a schedule of events, see their website at <http://www.ironinvasion.com>.

Last year Jeff was there and ran into a number of our club members (past and present). It was a very fun event with many interesting cars and a lot of interest in Early Fords with Flathead V8's.

Notice - Hines Veterans Appreciation Hospital Car Show Cancelled

Joe Dispensa advised that he was unable to complete arrangements or generate enough interest in this planned event, so he was forced to cancel.

Calling All Members

Each of you should have received a ballot for the National Director election with your July-August V-8 Times. These elections are important. Please note that one of our members, Jeff Trilling, is running for Midwest Director. We urge you to carefully read the resumes, make your selection, and send in your ballot. Your vote does count!



10 Years Ago This Month – September 2006

On the first weekend in September, 18 NIRG members attended the 23rd Annual Frankenmuth Auto Fest in Michigan, driving five Early V-8s and two other classics. The weekend was fun, but was dampened by considerable rain. The end of September brought the 29th Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally with 21 members and several vehicles participating. Little did we know that this was the last time we would see Rally founder George Kreissl.

20 Years Ago This Month – September 1996

Three members took home trophies from the September 8th Kane County show. Sam Dix attended the September 17 monthly meeting as a guest. On September 19, several members had a great time on a tour of the Chicago Ford Plant hosted by John Pater. On September 28-29, thirty members participated in our annual tour to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally, organized by Ken Bounds. Nell Kozmic took 7th Place in the poker game out of about 11,000 hands played.

30 Years Ago This Month – September 1986

The September Road Chatter contained a profile of Frank Koeder's '39 Convertible. On the first September weekend six couples participated in an "Escape Weekend" tour to Port Washington, Wisconsin, organized by Norm & Dolly Collins. There were plenty of delicious meals and nice places to tour. On September 21, Len & Irene Vinyard hosted an outing of 10 couples to Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs beat the Pirates 3-2. There may have been some food and beverages involved.

40 Years Ago This Month – September 1976

At the September meeting it was decided that the "Christmas Party" would be changed to an Installation Dinner, held in January, because of hectic schedules in December. Len Vinyard was planning the first one for January 22. On September 25 & 26, 28 V-8ers and family participated in the infamous "joint tour" with the Peoria Group at Starved Rock State Park, organized by Marty Duling. Infamous because the Peoria Group did not show up.

Flathead Flashback

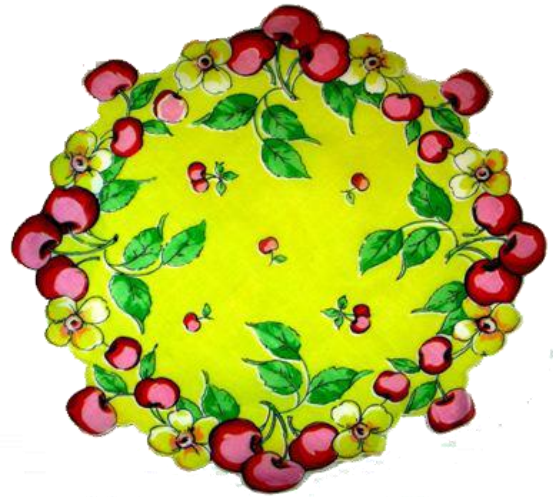
Having fun at the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally 10 years ago.



V-8 Gals

At the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg, each lady attending the Ladies Luncheon was given a “special” handkerchief along with a copy of “Handkerchief Flirtations” reprinted below. Delice Serritella attended the luncheon and thought the V-8 Gals might get a kick out of it.

In the early Middle Ages, ladies’ handkerchiefs became the fashion accessory they remained for the next 500 years. Cambric, a much finer fabric than linen, was introduced and silk was also used. Embroidered decoration was done with multicolored silk or gold thread. At this time, and until the 18th century, a fashionable handkerchief was not necessarily square. Oval, circles and even heart shapes were common. It is said Marie Antoinette was annoyed by all the variations, so to placate her, her husband Louis XVI, decreed that all handkerchiefs must be square – and so they have remained.



Handkerchief flirtations

- ◇ Drawing across the lips – Desirous of an acquaintance
- ◇ Drawing across the eyes – I am Sorry
- ◇ Taking it by the center – You are too willing
- ◇ Dropping – We will be friends
- ◇ Twirling in both hands – Indifference
- ◇ Drawing across the cheek – I love you
- ◇ Drawing it through the hand – I hate you
- ◇ Twirling it in the left hand – I wish to be rid of you
- ◇ Twirling in right hand – I love another
- ◇ Folding it – I wish to speak with you
- ◇ Drawing across the forehead – We are watched
- ◇ Winding around the forefinger – I am engaged
- ◇ Winding around the third finger – I am married



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting TBD Car Show, Hines Veterans Hospital 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	1 Iron Invasion, Woodstock 13 Board Meeting 15 Fall Colors Tour, White Pines State Park 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 15 Member Meeting	No Meetings TBD - Christmas Luncheon
January	February	March	April
12 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner 17 Member Meeting	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting



Welcome Fall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**ARLENE BLUM (9/5), CLIFF DIXON (9/14), SCOTT GILDAY (9/17),
RON HAYDEN (9/18), GLADYS DUZELL (9/21), LOIS WALL (9/21),
DOUG LEICHT (9/25), & NEIL McMANUS (9/28)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**JORDON & CORINNE BELLER (9/2), GARY & DAWN OSBORNE (9/8),
RON & ARLENE BLUM (9/12), & DAN & DIANE PUDELEK (9/30)**

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



For Sale

1951 Ford Custom Deluxe Convertible - exceptional frame-off restoration, 3-speed with overdrive, detailed undercarriage, new blue top & pump, plus many new parts. Many trophies. Asking \$37,500. Contact Tom Anzelmo or Nicole at 708-562-5695.

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.

1939 Ford Coupe, 750 miles, Dearborn Award winner - 991 points. Contact Frank Koeder, 847-840-7557.

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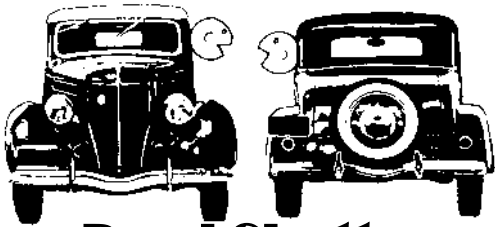
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