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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**August 5** Fords & Friends  
Cruise In, St. Charles. See  
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**August 10** Board of Directors  
Meeting, Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**August 15** Monthly Meeting,  
Wheeling Township Service  
Center, 7:30 pm.

**August 26** Friendly Ford  
show, Roselle. See Page 3.

**August 27** Geneva Concours,  
10 am - 4 pm. See Page 2.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**August 6** 27th Annual Vin-  
tage Transport Extravaganza,  
Union. Adults \$14, \$18 to  
show car.

**August 20** 9th Annual  
LaSalle Street Auto Row  
Show, Aurora. Line up at  
9:00 am, Show 11-3. Regis-  
tration \$15.

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## \*\*Attention Members\*\*

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the August 15 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking. Also, due to a scheduling conflict our meeting will be held on the lower level instead of in our regular meeting room.

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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 THE PRESIDENT**

No doubt about it, our 50th Anniversary Picnic July 23rd was a great success. After lots of planning and work on the part of several of our officers, board members, regular membership and friends of the club, our celebration of a half century of the Northern Illinois Regional Group turned out to be a wonderful event. Difficulties with flooding and weather loomed over the occasion, but as things turned out the elements did not interfere with our special day.



It was a great honor to receive the Special Recognition Certificate for our fifty years as a regional group of the early Ford V-8 Club of America from our Midwest Director Steve Kroeger on the very date of our founding. We were honored that Steve and his wife Judy traveled all the way from central Iowa to attend. We were also grateful for a good turnout of members and their family and friends.

It's been said that the key to a successful organization's anniversary celebration is to show the impact you have made in the past and invite members to help push on even further in the future. While we continue to commemorate our Golden Anniversary this year let's think about what has been accomplished. Our group was only the eighth regional group formed as part of the very young Early Ford V-8 Club of America, which now can count 125 regional groups around the world. Other regionals have come and gone but ours has lasted fifty years.

Friendships have been formed that have lasted decades and there has been a real bond between our longtime members. There have been countless tours and events and a genuine opportunity to enjoy the Ford V-8 hobby. The NIRG has put on two National Meets in our history, won recognition for our newsletter and even has seen one of our own go on to serve as a National Club Director and National President. I am sure a careful study of the past would show many more accomplishments.

The joy of our past success should now mobilize us for some new challenges. Attracting new members and really integrating them into our regional group is a worthy goal. Also continuing to plan enjoyable tours and events that will attract increased participation should be one of our objectives. Perhaps we may send another director to the National Club from our ranks or find a way to sponsor additional national events in the future.

If the spirit we saw on Sunday July 23rd among our membership continues, I think we can expect good things to happen in our future. Let's continue to enjoy our anniversary year and set our sights on future achievement.

**Geneva Concours • August 27**

If you plan to attend the [Geneva Concours](#), please let Tour Chairman Ron Steck know at 630-983-0543 so we can park our cars together.

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



# Model A's Meet Ford V-8's

**Saturday Evening August 5<sup>th</sup> -5:00-8:00 pm**

**Culver's Restaurant, on Route 64 across from Pheasant Run  
4068 E. Main Street, St. Charles**

***"Fords and Friends"* (also known as "Duals Night")**

**Joint Activity of the Northern Illinois Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club and the Naper A's Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America**

**Get together with friends and have dinner at Culver's**



**FRIENDLY**  
Ford



**Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**333 E. Irving Park Road,  
Roselle**

**Come out for a great car show - Friendly Ford's "Customer Appreciation Day"**  
**Free admission, 40 Awards: Best of show, Best Ford 1903-1949, Best Ford of the 1950's and more. All makes of vehicles welcome to enter.**

**Dash plaques for the first 50 entries.**

**Registration 9:00 am until noon. Trophies awarded at 3:00 pm.**

**(If you would like to park as a group arrive around 8:30am)**

**Let's have a great turn out of Ford V-8's!**

## Great Lakes Rendezvous 6

### Northern Illinois Regional Group • Northern Ohio Regional Group

By Ken Bounds

At the 2010 Western National Meet in St. George, Utah, Jeep Iacobucci and Ken Bounds discussed an idea about getting our two regional groups together for a tour. That idea came to fruition the following year in Kalamazoo, Michigan. This year brought our sixth such get-together on June 29 – July 2, this time in South Bend, Indiana.

On Thursday, June 29, participants from NIRG gathered at the Lincoln Oasis to pick up their goody bags and name badges and to begin the trip: Ken & Carolyn Bounds – 1951 Mercury, John Emmering – 1949 Fordor (Robin would join us in South Bend), Eric & Joe Kozmic – 1953 Mercury, and Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell – 1953 Lincoln. Driving modern vehicles were Gary & Dawn Osborne, John & Este Scheve, Ron & Colleen Steck, Len & Irene Vinyard, and Larry Webb & Virgie Burnquist.

Our trip to South Bend would have been uneventful except for a terrible traffic jam in Indiana due to construction. After several miles of stop and go driving in the heat, the '53 Mercury decided not to run right. As we left the Interstate for secondary roads, it was ready to quit. So we pulled into a gas station lot and quickly diagnosed an ignition issue. While John Emmering and the modern vehicles continued on toward South Bend, we first changed the condenser (no improvement) and the coil (problem solved!) and were on our way in about 20 minutes.

Arriving at our lunch destination in South Bend only a few minutes late, we enjoyed delicious food and drinks at one of our favorite places, Fiddler's Hearth. We then proceeded the final block to the Doubletree and checked in. While several checked out the hotel and nearby downtown sights, others awaited the arrival of the folks from Northern Ohio Regional Group and the Nifty-Fifties Club of Northern Ohio.

We were soon joined by Don & Judy Brehm, Jack & Sharon Bukszar, Craig & Annette Gorris, Jeep & Georgene Iacobucci, Steve Kronen & his mother Rose, John & Bonnie Lear, Bruce Lewicki, Pat & Barb Rooney, and George & Kathy Schlather. Dan & Diane Francis and Regis & Beth Schilling would join us in Shipshewana Friday.



**Gathering at the Lincoln Oasis**



**Dinner at Tippecanoe Place**



**The ladies at Hostetler's Hudson Museum**

As soon as the Ohio group had a few minutes to get checked in, we were off on a short drive to Tippecanoe Place, the mansion built by Clem Studebaker in the 1880s. We had about an hour for touring the beautiful mansion on our own or enjoying cocktails in the ornate bar. At 7:00 pm we gathered for a terrific meal featuring a special menu for our group in a spectacular private room.

Back at the hotel several gathered in the atrium area to enjoy each other's company before turning in to rest up for Friday's events.

On Friday morning we lined up to begin a 41 mile driving tour to Shipshewana to visit Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum. What started with a single vehicle more than 25 years ago has grown to include the largest collection of Hudson automobiles in the world, most donated to the city of Shipshewana by the late Eldon Hostetler. We were fortunate that Eldon's son, J.R. was one of our docents for our visit. Everyone was impressed by the quality of the vehicles and how comprehensive the collection was.

After our visit, we continued on to our lunch destination, a delicious and filling buffet at the famous Blue Gate Restaurant. We had plenty to eat, but skipped our afternoon nap to begin the drive back to South Bend. Before returning to the hotel, we made a stop at the South Bend Chocolate Factory for a tasty tour.

Our evening schedule called for "dinner on your own." We were in South Bend during "restaurant week" and had provided menus from several downtown restaurants. For some reason, most attendees found their way over to Fiddler's Hearth, just a block from the hotel. We all had a great time.

Saturday morning arrived with gorgeous weather. Veterans of the joint tour know that Saturday is "yellow shirt day." While most of the group arrived for breakfast in their yellow shirts, Jeep & Ken had a trick up their sleeves, switching to green shirts for the drive to the Notre Dame campus. We were met there by two docents who took us on an amazing two-hour walking tour of the historical campus. There is so much history on that campus and we all learned a lot. After our tour, we met at a campus restaurant called Legends of Notre Dame where we had a delicious lunch and some needed cold beverages.

After lunch we were off on the short drive across town to the Studebaker National Museum. We learned the history of the Studebaker family's arri-



**Sporting nifty headgear on the chocolate factory tour**



**Inside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame**



**Marker at the Studebaker blacksmith shop site, downtown**

val in South Bend and their early days as a blacksmith shop and later a premium carriage maker. When cars came on the scene, Studebaker created some wonderful models right there in South Bend. The museum is a super tribute to the contributions made by that family until the auto-making business shut down in the '60s.

Several other museums were available for our visitors, but most people were worn out and headed back to the hotel. In the evening we gathered in the Doubletree Atrium for our traditional banquet. After plenty of time for mingling during cocktail hour, we enjoyed a delicious barbeque buffet with far more food than we could eat.

When the dinner ended, Ken introduced the presidents of the three participating groups, a few words were said about the history of our gathering, and we had a drawing for door prizes. Bonnie Lear took home a pocket of \$\$\$ from the 50-50 raffle with the proceeds going to pay for the name badges/lanyards which will be used for future joint tours.

The final order of business was the discussion of the location for next year's tour. Several of the Ohio folks presented a compelling case for touring to Cleveland. The proposal was accepted and we all look forward to meeting next year on the shores of Lake Erie!

Although we had some optional tours available on Sunday, most participants were ready to head home. After breakfast, members of the three groups said our goodbyes and we hit the road.

Our trip home was uneventful – all the Early V-8s made the journey without incident. Our thanks to everyone who participated and we are already making plans for 2018.



Beautiful arch bridge adjacent to hotel



First Lady Robin & President John at the banquet



Dinner in the Doubletree Atrium



Jeep, Jack, & Ken

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic • Northern Illinois Regional Group July 23, 1967 – July 23, 2017 By Ken Bounds

On July 23, 1967, the Early Ford V-8 Club of America issued a charter to the Northern Illinois Regional Group, recognizing it as the 8<sup>th</sup> Regional Group in the four-year-old organization. Exactly 50 years later, a large group of about 75 members, family, and friends got together at our annual picnic to commemorate the occasion. Our group was honored that Midwest Director Steve Kroeger and his wife Judy drove 400 miles from Casey, Iowa, to be with us.

Although most of the founding members of our group are long gone, we are fortunate to still have one charter member who joined in that first year. Ron Dopke joined our group at the 1967 Christmas party and has been an active member ever since. Ron drove his 1940 Ford Standard Tudor to the picnic, accompanied by his daughter Cheryl.

When you try to list all those in attendance, it is inevitable that you are going to miss someone. Anyway, here is our best effort at the list of participants:

Ron Blum and son David – 1940 Fordor, Ken & Carolyn Bounds – 1951 Mercury, Elaine Braun, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Ron Dopke & daughter Cheryl – 1940 Tudor, John & Robin Emmering – 1951 Fordor, Scott & Nicole Gilday and daughters Reese & Ciena – 1941 Convertible, Jay & Margie Hinshaw and sons Jack, Michael and Matthew – 1940 Tudor, John & Marilyn Krenger – 1940 Convertible, Steve & Judy Kroeger, Joe & Nell Kozmic – 1953 Mercury with guests Bob & Cathy Sochacki & Mike Sturm, Pat & Dee Maroney and family – 1936 Fordor, Joey & Millie Novak – 1953 Mercury, Roger Obecny and guest Mason Maynard, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell & daughter Maureen & husband Jim – 1953 Lincoln, Gary & Dawn Osborne & daughter Joyanna, Barb Pope, Dan & Diane Pudelek with daughter and son-in-law Katherine & John Pauly and grandkids Jack and Isabelle – 1950 Crestliner, John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella, John & Barb Slobodnik and son John, Stan & JoAnne Stack and daughters, Ron & Colleen Steck – 1940 Pickup, Jim Taylor – 1973 Cadillac, Jeff Trilling – 1952 Pickup, Ron Vaughan, Len & Irene Vinyard – 1939 Convertible, and Larry Webb & Virgie Burnquist – 1963 Studebaker.



Judy & Steve Kroeger



The tent went up with ease



A few of our Early V-8s

For the eighth consecutive year we held our picnic at Timmermann's Ranch & Saddle Shop in Island Lake, owned by Art & Carol Timmermann, long-time friends of Don & Elaine Braun. We were lucky that recent epic rains did not prevent us from using the ranch. Unfortunately, we were not able to park our Early V-8s on the grass as usual and a muddy show ring prevented Timmermann's Show Team from presenting the anticipated horse show.

Several members arrived early and we put up the club tent in nearly record time with no reports of injuries. Unfortunately no one took any pictures of the fun. In short order, club banners were in place on the tent and volunteers put up all the tables and chairs.

By 10:00 the participants came in waves, carrying a bounty of side dishes. Because of the special occasion, we decided to do a pig roast provided by Jeremy & Rachel Tekampe of Tekampe Pig Roasts (Jeremy is the Timmermann's grandson). The roast pig was supplemented by burgers and hot dogs prepared by our perennial cooks Bob & Cathy Sochacki and Mike Sturm.

One of the early events of the day was the ceremonial detailing of a car owned by one of the "Edsel Ford Team" members – see related story on Page 10. As John Scheve and his team were busy selling 50-50 raffle tickets, members had a great time visiting in the shade and enjoying the inviting aroma of the pig.

At 12:30, lunch was served. The only problem was that most people's eyes were even larger than their appetites. The pig was spectacular, the burgers and dogs were great, and the side dishes were plentiful and delicious. Even as many of the employees of the Saddle Shop joined in the meal, there was far more food than we could eat. Many "piggy bags" were prepared for leftovers.

Many members brought desserts, but the flagship was a beautiful cake that Este Scheve had purchased showing our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

After the meal, some of the kids went for horse rides and there was plenty of time for more visiting. But rain clouds were nearing. As John made the final push for 50-50 raffle tickets, President Emmering gathered the crowd together and said a few words about the history of our fine club. Then he presented our honored member Ron Dopke with a 50-year Early Ford V-8 Club pin. John introduced Director Steve Kroeger who had a few words to say before presenting us with a certificate commemorating our 50 years as a Regional Group. The final order of business was the drawing of the winning 50-50 ticket, be-



Almost ready - yummm



There was plenty of food for everyone







A small portion of the large crowd enjoying the day

longing to none other than Len Vinyard. Unfortunately for Lenny, Irene was right there so she knew he had a spare \$151 in his pocket.

As we began clearing off the tables, the dreaded sprinkles came; before the tent came down, it turned into a shower. Scott Gilday immediately hit the road in his Convertible, hoping to make it home before the rain became serious. Good thing for us, the shower was a quick one and we took down and stored the tent and stacked the table and chairs in sunshine. Everyone began saying their goodbyes and heading home before the serious rain came. And it did a couple of hours later.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a big success. There are so many people to thank. Thanks to Steve and Judy Kroeger for helping us celebrate our big day. Thanks to Art & Carol Timmermann, their daughter Dale, and their staff for their hospitality. Thanks to Jeremy & Rachel for a delicious pig. Thanks to Ron Blum for making the contacts with the ranch and the pig roast folks; to Bob, Cathy, and Mike for cooking; to Stan Stack for renting the tables and chairs; to Gary Osborne for storing and transporting the tent; to Joe Serritella for purchasing and bringing beverages, condiments, and paperware; to Este Scheve for bringing the cake and to John for running the raffle. Thanks to all the members who spent a lot of their time setting things up, cleaning up, taking things down, and getting cars parked. Thanks to President John for the fun car detailing idea and the presentations. Thanks to Ron Dopke for being a leader for 50 years. Apologies to anyone I missed. And thanks to everyone for coming, bringing their Early V-8s and food, and contributing to a wonderful event.



President John awards 50-year pin to Ron Dopke



Steve presents the anniversary certificate

## The Competition By Ken Bounds

For 2017 incoming President John Emmering created a contest intended to increase member participation and to encourage driving our Early V-8s. John placed members into three groups, generally representing the Early V-8s they have. Those with older Fords would be in the Henry Ford group, later Fords went into the Henry Ford II group, and other vehicles such as Mercurys and Lincolns went into the Edsel Ford group. Of course there is some overlap, and some have vehicles in multiple groups, but you get the idea. Team leaders were assigned: Henry Ford Group – Gary Osborne; Henry Ford II Group – John Emmering; and Edsel Ford Group – Ken Bounds. If you don't know what group you are in, check with John.

Members of each group are being awarded points for attending events, driving their Early V-8s, contributing to the Road Chatter, organizing events, and the like. The plan was to have a mid-season winner at the annual picnic and an overall winner in the fall.

At the July monthly meeting, President Emmering awarded prizes for the Early V-8 driven the farthest to the meeting, the oldest Early V-8 at the meeting, and a random drawing based on license plate. He also had a wild-card President's Choice. Winners were Joey Novak, Pat Maroney, Ron Blum and Jay Hinshaw, respectively.



Joey - long distance



Pat - oldest V-8 driven



Ron - license plate lotto

After a see-saw battle all year, the Edsel Ford group took the lead in July with a total of 715 points over Henry Ford II (645 points) and Henry Ford (615 points). As a result, team leader Ken Bounds was to select a vehicle to be detailed at the annual picnic by members of the other two groups. Ken chose Joe Kozmic's 1953 Mercury.

We anticipate the battle to become intense over the remaining months of the summer and early fall. At the end of the competition, there will be a pizza party for all members, with the members of the winning group eating for free. There is still time to catch the runaway Edsel Ford Group. Jump in there and participate!



The Edsel team loafed while the others worked detailing Joe's Mercury



## John Ellis' 1933 Cabriolet Article and Photos by Gary Osborne

The year 1932 brought changes within The Ford Motor Company that would help the Company maintain its dominance in the automotive world. Of course, the biggest change of all was the venerable V-8. But there were other changes too. One of those was the idea that the automobile was more than just transportation. Styling began to be demanded by the buying public, and if Ford did not begin to make its automobiles appealing, people would buy from competitors.

1933 was the year that Ford began to give buyers a truly beautiful looking car. The car has flowing lines from front to back. From the gently curved bumpers, sloping grill, "suicide" doors, skirted fenders, and sleeker body, the car has been called by some "a rolling work of art."

Member John Ellis has one of these "works of art" that he has offered to tell us about. He had been looking for this model of car because it was within his personal view of styling gems in the 1932-1953 era. This one came from a seller in Minnesota who had two for sale. Of the two cars, this one is the one that really stood out. So, seventeen years ago he purchased it and brought it home to add to his collection.

Since owning it he has updated the carb and manifold to help it run smoother. He also changed the pin striping to be more correct for the car. At the rear of the car John has added the optional trunk to enhance its value. An unusual item on the car is the original radio. John says it needs a little work for it to operate properly.

Driving the car around has been a pleasure because it's one of those cars that really catches everyone's eyes. Several years ago John decided to take the car to a local car show. He entered it in the LaPorte Historical Museum Car Show just for fun. Later in the day it was announced that he had won a trophy for Best of Show by the management. He thought that was great for his first time entered. Then a short time later it was announced that he had also won Best of Show by the show attendees. He really felt honored that everyone had as much appreciation for the car as he had.

This car is a fine example of how Ford wanted people to look at their cars. Remember: it's more than just transportation. Hopefully, other NIRG members will get an opportunity to see and appreciate this car as I have.



## JULY 18 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Once again it was a beautiful evening for our monthly meeting. That meant getting everyone gathered into the room would be a little difficult. There were quite a number of V-8s that showed up, so there was a lot to talk about. Eventually everyone began to file in.



President John Emmering called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. After welcoming all, he asked about visitors. There was one in the room, Ron Dopke's daughter Cheryl. Total members at the meeting was 28.

The July meeting was special in that it was an evening loaded with prizes. John had announced last month about a contest to get members out with their Early V-8s. The winners were: Joe Novak for farthest distance driven, Pat Maroney for oldest V-8, and Ron Blum for license plate lotto. John also presented the "President's Award" to Jay Hinshaw. Each winner was awarded either a \$25 gift certificate from a local Auto Parts store or an Early Ford V-8 Club 50th Anniversary book.

Next, the scores of our Team Contest were given. In third place is the Henry Ford group at 615, in second place is the Henry Ford II group at 645, and in first place at 715 is the Edsel Ford group. This is the end of the first stage of the contest, so the first place team will have a car detailed at the picnic. Congrats to the Edsel Ford team.

### Board Meeting Report

The Board of Directors met on July 13th. Most of the discussion was about the upcoming picnic, and the member meeting. Future events were talked about, and the Tech Talks were lined up for the next two months. If any member would like to give a Tech Talk, or has an idea for one, please let John Emmering know.

The Board also authorized paying for a hotel for our Midwest Director Steve Kroeger while he and his wife Judy attend our picnic. He will be presenting our club with a special award for our 50th Anniversary.

Those in attendance were: John Emmering, John Scheve, Gary Osborne, Joe Serritella, Ken Bounds, Ron Steck, and Tom O'Donnell.

### Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we are at 81 members. Just a note; see John Emmering for a brochure that he has made up to hand out to prospective members or anyone else who may have interest in joining our club.

### National Club News

Ken Bounds reported that the Grand National Meet next year in Dearborn, Michigan is beginning to take shape. He has preregistration forms or you can get them from the Early Ford V-8 website. Don't forget that he and Carolyn will be looking for people to help out at the Meet.

### Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella gave the following report: income of \$38 for the June 50-50 Raffle and \$270 for the Memorial Donations for Norm Collins. The expenses were: meeting room rent - \$45, Road Chatter - \$110.94, bereavement flowers (Norm Collins) - \$83.60, and rental for the picnic chairs and tables - \$243.

**JULY 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED****Health and Welfare Report**

- It was reported that George Zulas' sister Pat was seriously ill. (Note, we learned that Pat passed away a few days after the meeting. Our condolences to George).
- Phyllis Madrigali has not been feeling well.
- Ron Vaughan is back after surgery and doing well.

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers. If there is something you would like the members to know about please let Phyllis know.

**Past Events**

- The tour to the Amboy Depot Museum was cancelled due to a lack of people signing up to attend it.
- The Northern Ohio/Northern Illinois Joint Tour on June 29-July 2 was a big success. Everyone had a wonderful time with good food, good tours, and good fellowship between our two groups. Ken has a report in this issue.
- As I write this our 50th Anniversary Picnic has taken place. It also was a great time, although it was a little shortened by rain. See the report in this issue.

**Future Events**

- Fords and Friends Night on August 5 at Culver's in St. Charles (across from Pheasant Run Resort) 5:00 PM-8:00 PM.
- Friendly Ford Car Show on August 26 in Roselle, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.
- Geneva Concourse on August 27.
- Military Museum Tour on September 9.
- Western National Meet on September 11-14 in Salem, Oregon.
- Lake Geneva Poker Rally on September 22-24.
- Fall Colors H.I.P. Tour on October 14 on the Illinois River Road.

**Additional Items of Interest**

During our break there were some snacks provided by John and Este Scheve and Len Vinyard. (Just as a reminder, we could use some more volunteers to bring snacks to the monthly meeting. Let John Scheve know if you are willing to help).

Ken Bounds provided a video presentation about NIRG participation in the Spring Fling and Eastern National Meet. It's always good to review and remember some of the fun times that we all have on these tours.

The last item for our meeting was the 50-50 Raffle. Jay Hinshaw took home an extra \$40.

**Attendance**

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Ron Dopke, Cheryl Dopke, Ron Ek, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, Pat Maroney, Neil McManus, Joe Novak, Roger Obecnny, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jim Taylor, Jeff Trilling, Sam Van Bruggen, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, and Larry Webb.



## TECH CORNER



### How to Check a Float for Leaks Submitted by Tom O'Donnell

The way that I check a carburetor or sending unit float for leaks is to heat enough water to cover the float to the boiling point. I then hold the float submerged and watch for bubbles. The hot water expands the air inside the float and it exits the leak, leaving a stream of bubbles. You may see some bubbles around a good float, right after you submerge it, due to surface tension. A leak will continue to produce bubbles and you will have a stream of bubbles like the photo.



### Welcome New Members

The NIRG extends a warm welcome to Dick & Linda Livingston of Springfield. They entered their '38 Ford Standard Coupe in our National Meet in 2014, receiving their first Rouge award for the original interior. They did not receive the long-distance award; they live just 14 miles from the Crowne Plaza. Dick has served as a judge at three National Meets and their kids, Sarah and Joseph were youth judges at the last Gettysburg meet. Look for them on Page 3 of the July/August V-8 Times!



We hope to see Dick & Linda occasionally - they plan to join us on the Lake Geneva Poker Rally in September.

We welcome back Mo & Maureen Adam of Palatine who rejoined in July after taking a few years off. Mo drove his really neat, lightly modified '35 Coupe to the June meeting. Unfortunately, he was injured in an accident and could not make the July meeting or the picnic. Hope you are all healed soon. Glad to have you back!

Stickers are included in this issue with contact information that you can add to your rosters.



### 10th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally September 22 - 24

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual NIRG Lake Geneva Poker Rally. If you attended last year, you already have a hotel reservation. We are planning a fun time with some nice driving tours and great food.

If you would like to participate, please contact Ken Bounds for details and how to make your hotel reservation.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – August 2007

On August 5 the club celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a memorable cruise on the Chain of Lakes and the Fox River, organized by George Cech. The annual picnic was hosted by the Brauns at their home on August 12 with about 40 in attendance. On August 18 over 20 NIRG members and guests had the rare chance to tour the Sanfilippo 'Place de la Musique' in Barrington Hills, arranged by Ron Dopke.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – August 1997

The August 16-17 U.S. 30 tour to Indiana arranged by Joe and Nancy Novak was a big success with 10 antique cars participating. (Editors' note: this was Carolyn Bounds' first tour with the group. Twenty years later she is still with us!)

### 30 Years Ago This Month – August 1987

Joe and Nancy Novak hosted a 1,300-mile driving tour around Lake Michigan. Nancy provided a very detailed 5-page write-up for the Road Chatter. The tales of the "Michigan Eleven" still entertain us to this day! Twenty-five members and families attended the annual picnic at the Braun's home on August 23.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – August 1977

There was a large turnout for the annual NIRG picnic, again held at the Groot farm. Nearly 50 adults and a large number of children were present until nearly sundown. A highlight was the "Colonel" Ray Tognarelli white elephant auction, in its second year. In a preview of things to come, Diane Wrobel prepared the August newsletter.

### Flathead Flashback

**This month we flash all the way back to July 30, 2017. Congratulations to newlyweds Joey & Millie Novak.**



# V-8 Gals

Welcome to our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cocktail issue! Summer is in full swing and I just love all the summer fruit that you can find at the grocery stores and farmers markets. This month is dedicated to the blackberry. They seem to be in abundance this time of year and a perfect fruit to headline the Cocktail issue. Here are the recipes I'll be trying this month.

## Blackberry-Mint Julep

- Small ice cubes
- 1/4 cup blackberries, plus 1 blackberry for garnish
- 2 tablespoons mint leaves, plus 1 mint sprig for garnish
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1-1/2 ounces bourbon



Fill a rocks glass halfway with ice cubes. In a shaker, combine the 1/4 cup of blackberries, mint leaves, sugar, bourbon and 1/3 cup of ice cubes and shake well. Strain the drink into the glass through a coarse sieve, pressing on the solids. Garnish with the blackberry and mint sprig.



## Honey Blackberry Shrub Punch

### For the Shrub:

- 1 cup blackberries
- 1/2 cup honey
- 3/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup water

### For the Cocktail:

- 8 ounces bourbon
- 6 large sprigs mint
- 4 cups ice
- 2 cups seltzer, chilled



**For the Shrub:** In a glass or plastic container with a lid, combine berries and honey. Add vinegar and water and stir gently until honey is dissolved and berries have begun to release juices, being careful not to mash berries. Cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 1 week.

**For the Cocktail:** Transfer half of shrub mixture (with berries) to a large pitcher. Reserve remaining shrub for later use. Add bourbon and mint to shrub. Lightly bruise mint with a wooden spoon.

Add ice and seltzer to pitcher. Stir gently to combine and serve immediately.



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
6 Safety Check 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 20 Night at the Races, Hawthorne, Cicero 26-29 Spring Fling, Lincoln, NE	3 HIP Tour - US-30 8 Board Meeting 7-11 Eastern National Meet, Chantilly VA 20 Member Meeting 29 - July 2 Joint Tour, South Bend	13 Board Meeting 15 Tour to Amboy Depot Museum 18 Member Meeting 23 Annual Picnic, Timmermann Ranch, Island Lake	5 Fords & Friends Cruise-In, St. Charles 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Friendly Ford Show, Roselle 27 Geneva Concours
<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
9 Tour to Russell Military Museum 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	12 Board Meeting 14 HIP/Fall Colors Tour, IL River Road 17 Member Meeting	9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 21 Member Meeting	No Meetings TBD Christmas Luncheon



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**ANGIE PALADINO (8/1), KIM CLAYBAUGH (8/2), JOHN SCHEVE (8/7),**  
**ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ALAN WALL (8/18), ROGER OBECNY (8/19),**  
**& CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**JOE & NELL KOZMIC (8/6), FRANK & PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (8/9),**  
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**JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18) &**  
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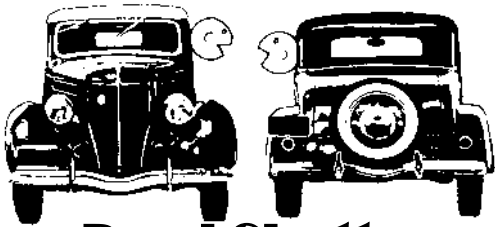


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**“Yellow Shirt Day” on the Joint Tour with Northern Ohio**