

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**December 10** Christmas Brunch. See page 3.

**January 4** Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

**January 13** Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

**No regular meetings in December**



*Happy  
Holidays*



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**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month - our group at the Veterans Day Luncheon. Photo by Jeff Trilling.



A reminder that 2018 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2018 roster. A reminder appears to the left of your name on the back cover if we have not received your renewal.



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**MEETINGS**

7:30 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
the Wheeling Township  
Service Center, 1616 N.  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Our Pizza meeting last month was a great way to finish off our 50th Anniversary Year of 2017. I envied the victorious Edsel Ford group as they were honored and able to dine free of charge as our competition winners. Certainly 2017 was a fun and successful year with lots of enjoyable events and tours. The anniversary picnic pig roast stands out in my mind as a high point and was truly a memorable event. Seeing some great new members enter our fold was my favorite development of the year and I appreciated also seeing some of our newer members become more active. As they say, keeping our regional group growing will keep it going.



Let's start the coming year on a high note. Year fifty-one can be as fun as fifty and 2018 lies before us as a clean slate ready to be filled with new events and experiences. Already we see plenty of excitement among our membership about participation in the Grand National June 11-15 in Dearborn, Michigan. I hope many of you will also "catch the fever" and bring your V-8 home to Dearborn, Michigan for the event.

Thanks for your vote of confidence in allowing me to serve as president for another year and giving our officers another term. We have some great people serving. I think they often go beyond the call of duty in tending to our regional group. Please don't be shocked if new and unusual things continue come to your way in 2018. The board and I are trying to find innovative ways to make a positive impact and appreciate your flexibility and willingness to cooperate as we introduce some novel approaches.

The goal for 2018 once again will be growth, with our members recruiting more V-8 enthusiasts into our group. Second I would like to see more involvement by our members in planning and participating in events and tech talks. Our board members have some great ideas but with plenty of talented members I'm sure there is automotive knowledge to be shared and some new ideas for tours and activities among our rank and file. Finally I think it would be great if our group could get together to help members with V-8s having mechanical problems to get their cars back on the road to meetings and events. There are cars "on the fritz" that many of us have never had the pleasure of seeing. How can these things come about? I hope to share more of our 2018 plans in the January Road Chatter and at our first meeting of the year on January 14th.

Did I say our 50th Anniversary year was finished? Sorry one more big event will be held on Sunday December 10, the Annual Christmas Bruch at Cantigny. Hope you and your families will all have a wonderful Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

**Reminder: there are no monthly meetings in December**

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Annual Christmas Brunch – Sunday, December 10

**What:** Annual Christmas Brunch  
**When:** Sunday, December 10, 10:00 am  
**Where:** Red Oak Room at Cantigny Golf Course

Este & John Scheve are hosting our annual Christmas Brunch Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 am at the Catigny Golf Course Red Oak Room at 27W270 Mack Road in Wheaton. The cost is \$21.50 per person. **If you have not signed up and you would like to attend, please contact Este or John at 630-420-0029 by December 4.**



## 2018 Installation Dinner January 13, 2018



**Place:** Suparossa Ristorante Italiano  
Woodridge, Illinois

**Time:** Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person includes dinner with wine and gratuity.



**Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends.**

- ◆ **Swearing In of NIRG Officers for 2018!**
- ◆ **Recognition of Service to the NIRG!**
- ◆ **Door Prizes!**

See inserted flyer for dinner selections and more information.  
**RSVP with dinner choice and payment to John & Este Scheve by January 4.**

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual V-8s & Veterans Luncheon By Ken Bounds

The club tradition of a luncheon to honor those who have served continued with our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual V-8s & Veterans luncheon at Sam's of Arlington on Veterans Day 2017. Twenty-eight members, family, and friends turned out for some V-8 camaraderie and a delicious lunch. The chilly weather with a threat of rain kept all the classics at home while modern iron filled the parking lot.

Thanks go out to Earl & Gene Heinz for once again making the arrangements. It was special that they were able to join us for the luncheon. We were happy that not only did Springfield-area members Dick & Linda Livingston make the trip to be with us, but also that Linda's parents Joe & Barb were able to attend. The food, drinks, and service were excellent once again. There was a short program to say a big "Thank You" to those who have served their country in the military. Jeff and Mondira



The Livingstons - Linda's mom & dad on left



Trilling very generously provided a dessert to each veteran in attendance – what a nice gesture. Jeff also volunteered to take the group picture – this month's Photo of the Month. Thanks Jeff!

Our thanks to all the members who attended and made this an enjoyable event, including our hosts Earl & Gene Heintz, President and First Lady John & Robin Emmering, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Ron Dopke & Bernice Short, Gladys Duzell, Terry & Kitty Freihage, Frank Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Dick & Linda Livingston with Linda's parents Joe and Barb Van Cura, Joey & Millie Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jim & Harriet Taylor, Jeff Trilling, and Len



Group photo by Jeff Trilling

## Fourth Annual Turkey Dinner Draws Together Ford Car Clubs By John Emmering

Eager antique Ford devotees from all over the area converged on the Elburn Lions Club on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> to experience an early Thanksgiving turkey feast courtesy of the Illinois Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club. The sight of two rows of Model "A" Fords and a vintage Thunderbird that had braved the brief morning rain shower signaled to those arriving at the Lions Club parking lot that this was indeed the right place. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner attracted 133 guests drawn from ten antique Ford Automobile Clubs, with our own Early Ford V-8 Club of America Northern Illinois Regional Group included.

Entering the Lions club dining area participants were greeted by their hosts and hostesses from the Illinois Region of M.A.R.C. who issued decorative name tags identifying the guest's club affiliation with an ornate symbol. A small maple leaf identified members of the N.I.R.G. An attractive dash plaque commemorating the dinner was also presented to each couple. Our members who checked in for the dinner were Ron Dopke with Bernice Short, John & Robin Emmering, John Judge with his friend Yolanda, Michael & Grace Mohawk and Len & Irene Vineyard.

With big band music of the 1940's as background and the cash bar open for business, several of our group gathered at a table for conversation over refreshments. It was also nice to meet and converse with members from some of the other car clubs and to chat with acquaintances from some of these organizations.

As the buffet tables were opened our N.I.R.G. group waited patiently until our group was called forward to steaming trays of mashed potatoes, yams, stuffing, gravy and turkey. With plates piled high with turkey and trimmings our group returned to the table to enjoy the meal.

The founders of the feast were Dan & Melinda Pritchard, long time members of the Illinois Region of the Model "A" Restorers Club. The hard work and preparation of the couple in making the arrangements, booking the guests and preparing the decorations was greatly appreciated by those participating. As the event wound up Dan & Melinda reminded all in attendance that the event will be held again next year on Sunday, November 4, 2018. N.I.R.G. members are encouraged to consider attending next year and with better weather perhaps we can display our Ford V-8s for the other car groups to admire.



Some of the Model A's present



Ron & Bernice



Grace & Michael



John & Yolanda



Irene & Len

## Bob Miller's 1934 DeLuxe Fordor Sedan By Gary Osborne

The year 1934 was a tough year for Ford. The Country was still in the throes of the Depression and people were not able to afford new cars. This economic reality forced Ford to put a hold on new design features for their next model. What Ford did was to run the 1933 model production into the 1934 model with some minor changes made to keep costs down. Some have even concluded that the two models are the same. However, this is completely false as there are quite literally dozens of differences between the two. Cliff Helling, the author of the Early Ford V-8 Club's 1934-1934 book has written extensively about these very differences.

The 1934 DeLuxe Fordor Sedan in this article is owned by Bob and Rhonda Miller. Bob has always been fascinated by Fords of the 1930's era, and in particular those that have been associated with gangsters of that time. We all know the stories of Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Floyd Hamilton, and others. They all seemed to extol the power of Ford V-8s.

Bob purchased this car about a year and a half ago from the 2<sup>nd</sup> owner in Pahrump, Nevada. Pahrump is a small town outside of Las Vegas that was named by the indigenous people for the abundance of artesian wells in the area. It's also known because it is home to several legal brothels. Now, neither one of these facts has any thing to do with this car; just interesting. The car has spent its entire life out there in the desert, and when not in use it was covered with a tarp because there was no garage. You know where this is going.

After agreeing on a price and having it shipped to Illinois, Bob began the process of clean-up and repair of the vehicle. The main issue was the paint that years in the desert sun had damaged. In order to bring out the luster of the original Vineyard Green, there were countless hours of polishing done to the body. Then, of course, the dry rotted tires had to be replaced and then a tune-up of the engine. After some investigation, Bob realized that the radiator needed to be replaced. Finding an N.O.S. radiator was no easy task, but he found one and installed it.

Now that the car was looking and running good it was show time! Bob entered it in a local car show at Hooters in Schaumburg to see how it would fare. The car took 1<sup>st</sup> place



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# NOVEMBER 21 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne



In the media of late we have been hearing a lot about “fake news.” Maybe we can call this report “fake minutes,” because really the Pizza Meeting is more about food and fun than it is about a meeting agenda. The fun started about 7:00 P.M.

when President John Emmering attempted to quiet us all down so he could begin the event.

This Pizza Meeting was really all for the winners of the contest that we have had all year. Of course, the winners were the Edsel Ford Group and that meant that they were entitled to free pizza for the evening. There were 33 people in attendance, so after looking around it appeared to me that most didn't have to pay for their food because they were on the winning team!

John had some special awards that he wanted to give to individuals that had contributed a little extra to their teams' effort. He presented award plaques to Ken Bounds (Edsel Ford Team), John Scheve (Henry Ford II Team), and Gary Osborne (Henry Ford Team) in recognition of their efforts. Then he congratulated all the other members for their help in making this contest a success.

There were two announcements that were made by John and Este Scheve. They were for the Christmas Brunch on December 10<sup>th</sup> and for the Installation



John presents Ken the Edsel Ford Team award



John Scheve receives the Henry Ford II award



The winning Edsel Ford Team



John presents Gary the Henry Ford award



## NOVEMBER 21 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Dinner on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you sign up for those events and let them know if you are attending.

This was the second time that we have gone to Papa Passeros and the food was good, and plenty of it. We did not have to wait at all for the next pizzas to come out to be served to us.

During the evening the Scheves went around selling tickets for the 50-50 Raffle. The winner of the Raffle was John Slobodnik, who took home an extra \$40.

Lastly, here are the people that came out for all the food and fun for the evening:

Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, John & Robin Emmering, Terry & Kitty Freihage, Scott Gilday & his daughter Ciena, Jay Hinshaw, Frank Koeder, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Pat Maroney, Joe & Millie Novak, Roger Obecny & Mary Partyka, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, John & Barbara Slobodnik, Stan & Jo Anne Stack, and Jim & Harriet Taylor.



### Bob Miller's 1934 DeLuxe Fordor Sedan (Continued from Page 7)

in the 1930s-1940s Division. It was great to see others appreciate the car as Bob has. He has had a lot of fun with this car in the short time that he has owned it and found that many people have questions about the affiliation with gangsters that some of these cars had. He even had a display sign made up to go with the car to help spur on some of those conversations. Keeping the history alive of these old Fords is one of the reasons that Bob enjoys driving and displaying his Sedan. During the next driving season, maybe other members will get the privilege of seeing this beautiful car at one of our events.

Side Note: For those of you with a sharp eye you can look back at the August 2017 Road Chatter to view John Ellis' 1933 to look for some of the subtle differences that Ford incorporated into the 1934s.





## The Early Ford Club of America

**Midwest Director  
Steve Kroeger**

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November 22, 2017

### **Summary of the November 18th Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The 2018 Grand National Meet is to be held June 11-15 in Dearborn, MI. Items of major interest include the Welcome Party with comments by Jim Johnson, director of the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. A bus tour of famous village industries by Rusty Davis, long time V-8 club member and local historian. 3 scheduled seminars. Picnic Day at Greenfield Village and you can drive your Early Fords in to the Village. Ladies luncheon with painting your own picture with assistance of a local artist. A tour of the Rouge Ford Truck Plant. Museum Day at the Henry Ford and a chance to attend the Motor Muster car show following the meet for "FREE". Check out all the events on the club website under Up Coming Events, 2018 Grand National - 55th Anniversary Homecoming. This should be a great event and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

### **Early Ford V-8 Books & Accessories**

We still have a large inventory of V-8 books and accessories on hand. Check the Club's on line book store for **special gifts for Christmas and Birthdays.**

### **Membership**

Membership for the year stands at 8,306 at the end of the 3rd Quarter, down 1.54% from the beginning of the year. This trend has continued for some time.

### **2019 National Meets**

Eastern — open

Central — Auburn, IN August 24-27<sup>th</sup>.

Western - open

### **2018 National Driving Tours**

May 21-25, Pennsylvania Dutch National V-8 Tour

August 26- September 1st, Montana National V-8 Tour

### **2019 National Driving Tours**

None are scheduled at this time. This is a good opportunity to start thinking about a Midwest Driving Tour. With the Central Meet in Auburn, we could have two Central events for 2019. All information on how to plan a National Driving Tour is on the Early Ford V-8 website under National Club Information - Forms.

### Newsletter Contest Awards

It has been decided by the board to issue certificates for the award winners instead of plaques in the future. They are easier to mount in a frame or include in the group's scrap books. They are also easier to send out and less expensive to the club.

### Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum

Lots of excitement going on with the new construction, gifts and donated cars. Structural steel is all up and the building should be enclosed soon. They hope to set up a program next June prior to the Grand National for members to stop by on their way to Dearborn to get a preview of current progress. Check their website for pictures and details at [info@fordv8foundation.org](mailto:info@fordv8foundation.org).

### National Logo Use by Regional Groups

A new policy is forthcoming allowing Regional Directors to grant the use of the National Logo to clubs within their region on none-profit event flyers, flags, business cards, stationery, envelopes, banners, websites and portable signs. A final vote on the new policy will take place at the face to face board meeting in February, 2019.

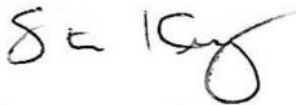
### National Drive Your V-8 Day

The National Board is designating the 3rd Saturday in June, which is around the time of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, as our club's National Drive Your V-8 Day. This adds another day of public recognition and fun driving our vintage Ford, Mercurys and Lincolns. OK, the Lincolns can have a day and a half with the V-12s.

**Additional Note:** I have attached the form, Request for Officer Names and Addresses for the National Roster. Please fill them out and return to me by January 31, 2018 so I can get them in for the 2018 Roster published next summer. Send to my address or you can scan and email me at [kroeg\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:kroeg_s@yahoo.com).

In closing, Judy and I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a great V-8 New Year in 2018!

Sincerely,



Steve Kroeger Midwest Director, Early Ford V-8 Club of America



### 10 Years Ago This Month – December 2007

On December 9, Dan & Diane Pudelek hosted a Christmas Brunch at Drury Lane in Oakbrook. Seventeen members and family made several trips to the seemingly endless tables of delicious food and desserts. It was a relaxing time with everyone talking about the upcoming holidays.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – December 1997

On December 7, Norm & Dolly Collins hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Brunch in Long Grove. About 40 members, family, and friends were in attendance. The Buscaglias donated a gingerbread house which was raffled off. The December Road Chatter contained an article and several pictures from Ace Roving Reporter Norm Miller.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – December 1987

Thirty people enjoyed a “Christmas in St. Charles” hosted by Rich & Judy Doligale on December 6, featuring brunch at the Baker Hotel, touring, and shopping. Future member Larry Webb was a guest at the December 8 meeting. Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported 45 paid-up members and requested prompt renewals so the roster could be completed. Election of officers for 1988 took place with the members voting in Rich Doligale as President and Joe Novak as Vice-President. The November/December V-8 Times included an article by Marty Duling recapping the Around the Lake NIRG tour in August.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – December 1977

A considerable amount of time was spent at the December monthly meeting discussing the events calendar proposed by President-Elect Chuck Wrobel. Len Vinyard advised that door prizes were coming in well for the January installation dinner.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – December 1967

Ron & Sue Dopke join the Northern Illinois Regional Group at the First Annual Christmas Party.

### **Flathead Flashback**

**NIRG group at the Old State Capitol on the Springfield Christmas Tour 15 years ago, December 14, 2002.**



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<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	5 All Ford Turkey Dinner, Elburn 9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 21 Pizza Meeting	No Meetings 10 Christmas Luncheon Cantigny Golf Club Wheaton
<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
11 Board Meeting 13 Installation Dinner, Suparossa, Woodridge 16 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**MARY ANDERSON (12/4), LEAH DULING (12/10),  
DAN PUDELEK (12/10), GERALD KELLY (12/11), JANIS DIX (12/15),  
MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26), DON BRAUN (12/26),  
FLORENCE PINN (12/28), KITTY FREIHAGE (12/29), GAIL KARCH (12/29),  
MILLIE NOVAK (12/29) & RICH ANDERSON (12/31)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

**MICHAEL & GRACE MOHAWK (12/3), KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6),  
BOB & ANGIE PALADINO (12/11), TERRY & KITTY FREIHAGE (12/19),  
MARTY & LEAH DULING (12/21), & TOM & MADELEINE O'DONNELL (12/27)**

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**V-8 Times Magazines** from 1968-2017, make an offer. Contact Paul Jensen at 847-678-0123.

## Wanted

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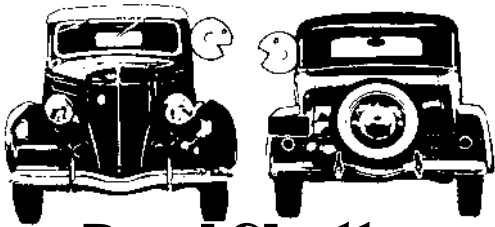
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**Photo of the Month**  
**NIRG Members and Family at the Veterans Day Luncheon**