

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

July 13 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 15 Amboy IC Depot Museum tour. See Page 2.

July 18 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 23 NIRG 50th Anniversary Picnic. See Page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July 4 Happy Birthday to the USA!

July 6-8 45th Annual Iola Car Show & Swap Meet, Iola, WI. \$10 daily.

July 23 Happy 50th Anniversary to Northern Illinois RG #8.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our Regional Group award winners at the 2017 Eastern National Meet. Also shown, on the left, is Rick Claybaugh's brother Earl from the Oklahoma City Group.



Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the July 18 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking - please see the flyer on Page 14 about a special contest. The program will be a video presentation by Ken Bounds about the Spring Fling and the 2017 Eastern National Meet.

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MEETINGS

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Celebration of the Golden Anniversary of our Northern Illinois Regional Group will be the theme of July's activities, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. It is our good fortune that we will be able to commemorate the event on the anniversary of our founding, Sunday July 23rd at our annual picnic. Special Guests will be our Midwest Director Steve Kroeger and his wife Judy. Steve will have a special presentation for us and we hope our members will do all they can to make them feel welcome.



Before the picnic takes place, however, we have an exciting meeting coming up Tuesday July 18th. We will learn which lucky group is leading in points and will have a member's car "detailed" by members of the other two groups during the picnic. If you end up having to do some detailing don't fret. Your group will have three more months to pull ahead and win the contest. Also during the meeting Ken Bounds will give us a visual recap presenting great pictures from the Spring Fling and Eastern National Meet that he and some of our fortunate members were able to attend. Additionally at the July meeting we will be holding a new contest that will award prizes for the attendee traveling in his Ford V-8 the farthest to the meeting from home, the attendee with the oldest Ford V-8 driven to the meeting, along with a drawing of license plates numbers of Ford V-8's driven to the meeting. If you have one of the older V-8's, need to travel far to our meetings, or feel you have a lucky license plate number you have a chance for a great prize.

Most importantly mark your calendars for Sunday July 23rd and please make every effort to attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration Picnic. It will be a great time to drive your Ford V-8 and give it a chance to be the object of your fellow club member's admiration. There will not be a bigger milestone for our regional group for a long time to come, so please don't let it slip by without being a part of it.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to our founders, most of whom are no longer with us and to the loyal longtime members whose hard work has allowed all of us to enjoy being a part of our Northern Illinois Regional Group.

Driving Tour to Amboy Depot

Ron Steck is hosting a 150-mile round trip driving tour to the historic Illinois Central Amboy Depot in Amboy on Saturday, July 15. Meet at Pheasant Run Resort on North Avenue in St. Charles, departing at 9:00 am. Call Ron at 630-777-4001 if you plan to participate.



**Annual Northern Illinois Regional Group
Picnic and Pig Roast
Celebrating 50 Years**



July 23, 2017

starting at 10 am

Timmerman's Ranch & Saddle Shop

29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake

Hosted by Don & Elaine Braun and their friends

Art & Carol Timmermann

Join the Northern Illinois Regional Group in celebrating 50 years with a pig roast and picnic. Hamburgers will also be provided. Please bring a pass-around dish to share.

The club will provide soft drinks, water, ice and coolers. If you want adult beverages you'll need to bring your own. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

Come and meet our new Regional Director, Steve Kroeger

This is sure to be one of the biggest events of the year. Come out and celebrate 50 years of the Northern Illinois Regional Group. Bring your V-8. We'd like to get lots of pictures of this event. Guests are welcome!

Driving directions: Timmermann's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmermann's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

43rd Annual Spring Fling By Ken Bounds

The Spring Fling has been an Early Ford V-8 Club Memorial Day tradition in the Central U.S. since 1974. The Fling is hosted by a rotating group of Regional Groups (currently six); this year's host group was the Cornhusker Group in Lincoln, Nebraska. Naturally, everyone wanted to go since Lincoln is the home of Speedway Motors' Museum of American Speed.

On a beautiful May 26 morning, 10 participants from the NIRG met at the DeKalb Oasis on I-88 to begin the 500-mile trip to Lincoln. Driving Early Ford V-8 vehicles were Ken Bounds – 1951 Mercury Sport Coupe, Joey Novak – 1953 Mercury Monterey, Dan Pudelek – 1950 Ford Crestliner, and Ron Steck – 1940 Ford Pickup. In modern iron were Roger Obecný and his friend Mason Maynard, John & Este Scheve, and John Slobodnik and son John. Although he has been in the club for nearly 40 years, Roger said that this was his first long-distance tour.

This was also a special trip as it was the first long-distance drive for Dan's "new" Crestliner. Everything went along smoothly as we crossed Illinois and Iowa with a lunch stop in Newton, Iowa. That is until we made our final gas stop less than 100 miles from our destination. At the gas pumps at a truck stop we noticed coolant running from the Crestliner. After we determined that a water pump was leaking too badly to continue, we sent the modern vehicles ahead as we made plans to make repairs. Fortunately, Joey had spares with him. With a little teamwork we were able to replace the faulty pump and were on our way in about three hours.

When we arrived at the host hotel, the welcome dinner was in full swing. We are grateful that our early arrivals tipped off the host group that we were running late and they saved us plenty of food. We did not go hungry. Or thirsty.

We had a great time that evening renewing old friendships with the 104 folks in attendance. We did a little tire kicking as we made plans to do some additional troubleshooting on Dan's car which was still losing coolant.

Saturday morning was the highlight of the trip with the visit to the Museum of American Speed. This museum is one of the best in the country and probably has the largest collection of Flathead V-8s and Flathead speed equipment anywhere. The vast collection fills 150,000 square feet on three levels. There are dozens of vehicles, race cars, and engines in addition to a huge toy collection, pedal cars, and much more. We took advantage of the knowledge of the docents, several of whom are members of the Cornhusker group. For lunch we were treated to pizza and a presentation.

After lunch, many participants went on to visit a



Working on the water pump



Clyde about to make the toll drop - nothing but net

nice private collection while a few of us went back to the hotel to replace the thermostats in Dan's Crestliner. Problem solved! We spent the rest of the afternoon kicking tires and soliciting signups for the 2018 Grand National Meet before walking to a nearby steakhouse for dinner. Then back to the chairs in the parking lot where we solved several problems facing the world.

Sunday morning brought the traditional car games and people games. This year we brought one car game – blind tollbooth. Everyone took turns hosting our game while others tried their luck at the wide array of games presented by the participating Regional Groups. People had a fun time at our game. It was won by first-time Fling attendees Clyde & Gail Bangiola as Clyde dunked the toll right into the basket on his second try.

After the games wrapped up, most of us visited the very popular historic district in downtown Lincoln. We dined at a terrific brew pub and thoroughly enjoyed the house-made beers.

On Sunday evening it was time for the awards banquet as we began to wind down our time in Lincoln. After a delicious buffet dinner, we learned that the 2018 Spring Fling will be hosted by the Tulsa group (probably in Claremore, Oklahoma). As the awards were passed out, we presented 1st Place in Blind Tollbooth to Clyde Bangiola and 2nd Place to Randy Plant of Oklahoma City. Yours truly took first place in a driving game and a sparkplug changing game, while John Slobodnik took

first place in ring toss and Flickin' Chicken. Notably, he set an all-time scoring record in the chicken game. As the banquet came to an end, it was time to say our goodbyes and look forward to Oklahoma next May.

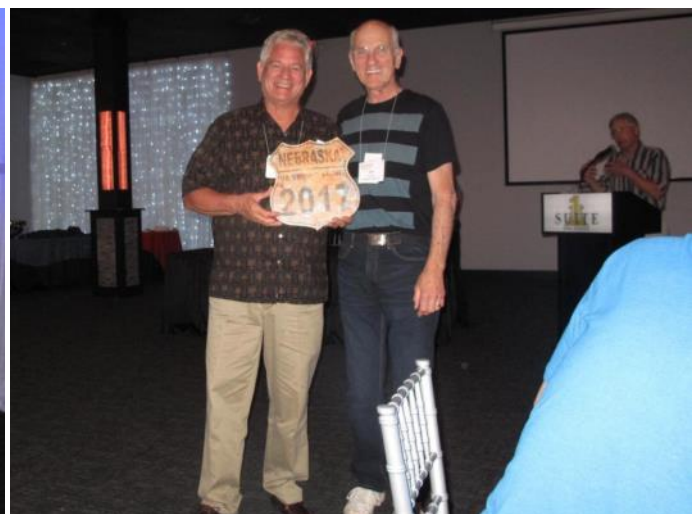
Bright and early Memorial Day morning we began our drive home. We stopped at Steak 'n Shake in Iowa City and were safely home by late afternoon. The cars ran great on the return trip. We were also grateful that the gas prices were about \$2 per gallon lower that they were on our last Spring Fling trip to Lincoln in 2011. Thanks to all the NIRG people who attended and special thanks to the Cornhusker Group for hosting a wonderful event.



(Most of) our group at the Awards Banquet



John set a new record in Flickin' Chicken



Ken & Dan receiving a driving award

Historic Illinois Pavement Tour • The Lincoln Highway

By Gary Osborne

The first thing one must learn about the Lincoln Highway is that it is not just a road, but a series of interconnected highways that span the United States. The original main route that was planned was 3,389 miles in length. The route as it stands now is more than 5,900 miles if one includes all the alternate and connecting byways.

The plan for the route was the idea of Carl Fisher, of Indianapolis Motor Speedway fame, and Henry Joy, the president of the Packard Motor Car Company. The idea for a route that would go from New York to San Francisco was proposed in 1912. By 1913 there was enough support for the route that The Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) was formed and then began a grand scheme to fund it all across the U.S.

The supporters of the Lincoln Highway had a little bit of a hard time convincing some people to help pay for the road in their towns. In order to help them understand the benefits of a solid road through their communities, the LHA installed “seedling miles” made of concrete all along the route. This was to show people that a concrete road would be an economic benefit for them, and their communities. Not only was that good for them, but the ease of traveling on a hard surface versus mud was clearly evident. One of the very first “seedling miles” was installed in Malta, Illinois. There was also an “ideal section” installed that had four lanes, lights on both sides, and foot paths bordering the road. It is between Illinois and Indiana in the City of Dyer. However; it is so congested in that area that one would have to park and walk over to view the monuments next to the road.

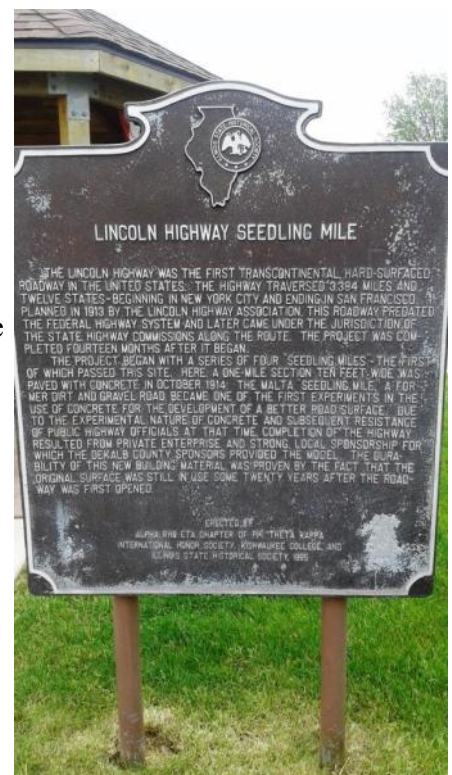
In the 1920’s the Federal Government got involved with numbering highways and assigned several different numbers that were incorporated into the Lincoln Highway. Once this happened the Lincoln Highway was numbered from coast to coast even though much of it out West was still gravel. Eventually the LHA felt that their goal had been accomplished and the Association was disbanded in 1928.

One of the last things the LHA did was to have a group of Boy Scouts help promote the highway. They travelled the entire route and helped install concrete “mile posts” all along the way. Some of the posts have survived to this day and there is one along our route just outside of Franklin Grove.

In 1992 the LHA was revived with a renewed effort to preserve the history of this historic road. During this time, the National Headquarters was established in Franklin Grove, Illinois. Many of the communities along the route added murals and gazebos to show how this highway has impacted them and their citizens. Several of them were along the route that we traveled.

Saturday, June 3, our day for the tour started out looking like rain, but turned sunny and hot really quick. There were 15 people that took time to learn a little of the history of this highway and to travel parts of the route that some didn’t even know were designated as the Lincoln Highway.

At our starting point I gave a short history talk about the highway, along with making sure everyone had the maps for the route. Tom Buscaglia arrived with coffee for all, but unfortunately could not go on the tour. Our plan was to follow the original route designated in 1913 as much as possible. We left Pheasant Run Resort following the highway through Geneva, Elburn, DeKalb, and into Malta for our first stop. At Kishwaukee College in Malta is a Lincoln Highway gazebo that we needed to see to help us learn about the Lincoln Highway. This gazebo (like the others on the route) has four panel displays inside to



show travelers some interesting facts about the significance of the Lincoln Highway through each different town. This one was about Malta having the first “seedling mile” paved to show the benefits of concrete over dirt/mud.

We then drove through Creston and Rochelle. As we approached Ashton, the original 1913 route has 2.5 miles of gravel. Fortunately for us there is an alternate route to take on pavement to avoid this. Just before we arrived in Franklin Grove, I pointed out to everyone to look on the North side of the Lincoln Highway. There, off in the weeds on the side of the road is an original “mile marker” that was put there by the Boy Scouts in 1928 as a way of promoting the Lincoln Highway.

In Franklin Grove we stopped at the LHA National Headquarters. The building was built in 1860 by Henry Lincoln, a cousin of Abe Lincoln. There is an interesting history about this building which you can read about on their website. The front part of the ground floor is dedicated to the LHA and the other part is an old general store. Upstairs is being restored to its original purpose as a community meeting place.

Our next stop was in Dixon for lunch and a visit of Ronald Reagan’s boyhood home. This home has been restored back to the condition it was when Reagan was living there. We viewed a short video about Reagan’s life in Dixon and then entered the museum. It’s really a small house, but still maintains the charm of a time gone by. Out back in the garage was a replica of Jack Reagan’s Model T that had been restored by the local Model T Club. After the Museum we drove to “That Place on Palmyra” for lunch.

We were given a private room and had an enjoyable lunch together.

After lunch some started home, but my intentions were to continue on into Sterling and make a loop on the Lincoln Highway to see some old mansions along the route before heading home; a few of us did just that. If you like old houses then you would have seen some in all stages of restoration. Hopefully, this tour will inspire more to drive some of the very historic highways that we have in this state.

Those who attended were Ron and Colleen Steck, George and Dawn Zulas, Tom Zulas and Denise, John and Barbara Slobodnik and their son John,



Our group at the “Seedling Mile” marker in Malta



Our group at the LHA National Headquarters



Our cars at President Reagan’s boyhood home

Our Trip to the 2017 Eastern National Meet By Ken Bounds • Photos by Dan Pudelek and Ken Bounds

After months of anticipation and planning, it was time to go. Since March I had been detailing under the hood of our '50 Convertible to prepare it for the meet, but sadly the time just ran out. We readied our '51 Mercury for the trip. Dan Pudelek had purchased his gorgeous '50 Crestliner back in October and had spent months getting it road-worthy after years sitting in a museum. After our Spring Fling trip Dan had replaced both water pumps and had the radiator rodded. Now the final detailing was complete and the car was ready for concourse judging.

On Monday, June 5, Dan & Diane and Ken & Carolyn met at the Lincoln Oasis for the 728-mile trip to Chantilly, Virginia. John & Este Scheve would be a few hours behind us trailering their '37 Standard Tudor. Jeff Trilling had left a few days earlier in his '52 Pickup, making a detour to New York City to visit a friend. And George & Dawn Zulas had already left trailering their '40 Tudor. Long distance members Rick, Marisa, and Kim Claybaugh would meet us at the meet, trailering their '34 Fordor.

Our trip east was rather routine and much of the construction along the Indiana Toll Road had been completed. We were pleased that after several abnormally hot days in the 90s, the temperature was back to the normal mid-70s. Dan's Ford was running quite cool and our Mercury ran perfectly. We had a lunch stop along the Ohio Turnpike and arrived at our hotel in Mars, Pennsylvania before 4:30.

We spent a little time cleaning off bugs and enjoying a cold drink. Just before dinner John & Este arrived. We enjoyed dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant in the area, adjacent to the hotel.

Since we were carrying printed materials for the meet goody bags, including the meet program, the two Early V-8s left the hotel Tuesday morning at 7:00 am to complete the final 259 miles to Chantilly. Most of the drive was very scenic, including a stretch of white-knuckle terror along the Pennsylvania Turnpike in one of its ever-present construction zones.

We arrived at the meet hotel, without incident, about noon. Even though the meet did not begin until Tuesday, we were surprised by how many attendees arrived a day early. We had a great time meeting our National Meet friends from the Eastern part of the country.

The Westfields Marriott was a beautiful setting for the meet. The hotel was luxurious and in a heavily wooded area. The parking area for our vehicles for the week was quite a hike down a hill. Then you remembered you had to walk back up the hill to the hotel. We would survive.

John & Este arrived in the afternoon in time for a special treat. We were all invited to visit and have dinner with Carolyn's family at her mom's home in nearby Fairfax, a reprise of a similar visit ten years earlier. We had a great time showing our cars and enjoyed a super meal with Carolyn's mom Christine, her brother Brian and his wife Jennifer, and her sister Micki and her husband Chuck.

Back at the hotel, the meet officially kicked off with registration at 8:00 am Wednesday. Carolyn and I arrived early so we could get registered and man the registration table for the 2018 Grand National Meet. During the morning the remaining NIRG members also checked in. We found a little time to get the vehicles through the operational check and to take a quick look at the swap meet.

After some lunch, several of us participated in a driving tour to visit the Manassas Battlefield. There our guides explained the history of the first major battle of the Civil War, the First Battle of Bull Run in



Chantilly By the Numbers

Registrations.....	185
Attendees.....	358
Vehicles	140
NIRG Registrations.....	6
NIRG Attendees.....	13
NIRG Vehicles	6
NIRG Awards.....	5
Miles from Northern IL	528

1861. It was quite interesting. This area was also the site of the Second Battle of Bull Run in 1862. Both were victories for the Confederacy.

We returned to the hotel and prepared for the welcome party on the hotel's large patio area. It was rather chilly, but fire pits helped and provided a great place for visiting and chatting. As the evening came to an end, it was interesting that most of the people left on the patio were two groups from Northern Illinois and Northern Ohio.

Thursday was a very busy day, beginning in the morning with a drive to the nearby Smithsonian Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center. What a spectacular museum! Our docent was particularly knowledgeable and interesting. He even provided a few tie-ins to our interest in Early Ford V-8s. Those of us who had been there before were thrilled to see an actual Space Shuttle and the additional of the viewing deck for the restoration area.

After an enjoyable lunch at an area sports bar, we returned to the hotel in plenty of time to attend the President's Meeting, the Foundation Meeting, and the Owners and Judges Meeting. They were interesting. That evening was dinner on your own and about half the meet attendees decided to go to the nearby Texas Roadhouse.

Friday morning finally arrived: Concourse Day! The day everyone is waiting for to show off the hard work on their vehicles. Several of us attended the Judges Breakfast: Carolyn and Marisa worked in the tabulation room, Rick judged 33s & 34's, Este judged 37s & 38s, Kim judged Mercurys, Jeff judged Commercial and Ken was Deputy Judge for Lincolns.

Dan spent his day getting ready for and enduring his first-ever point judging. He needn't have worried – his Crestliner looked great and did very well. As



Space Shuttle Discovery



Restoration Area



Dan's Crestliner presented for judging



More cars on the concourse

the day went on, the judging teams began to wrap up their work and we had some time to look at all the beautiful cars. Lunch was served on the concourse while participants were busy making their Touring and Touring A selections and Carolyn and Marisa were busy inputting the ballots.

Just as the concourse wrapped up about 3:00, members were scrambling to their cars to beat the traffic for a trip to the Cross Farm Country BBQ Picnic with entertainment, antique sawmill & garage tour. After Carolyn and Marisa put the finishing touches on the Touring awards lists, we joined the group a little late. Traffic was terrible, but we arrived before the food was served under a giant tent. There was plenty of delicious barbeque for everyone and mountain music was played by the live band. Before dark, everyone headed back to the hotel after a long day. We still managed to get in some tire kicking.

On Saturday morning there was a choice of tours. While some took the bus trip to historic sites in our nation's capital, several of us went on a driving tour to see "Oak Hill," the home of President James Monroe and the Oatlands Plantation built by George Carter. It was very special to be able to tour Oak Hill since it is privately owned. Both homes were spectacular.

Saturday night was the culmination of the meet – the Awards Banquet. The food was very good and everyone anxiously awaited the presentation of awards. The big news was that Dan received a Dearborn Award for his Crestliner the first time out, presented by National President Phill Hall. Congratulations! Ken and John received Dearborn Emeritus awards for their cars, while Rick took a 1st Place in Touring for his '34 and Jeff took a 2nd Place in Touring A for his Pickup.

As the banquet came to a close, we had to say our goodbyes to so many V-8 friends and talk about plans to meet next year in Dearborn. Our thanks go out to the Northern Virginia Regional Group for putting together a great week of cars, tours, meals, and V-8 camaraderie.

While temperatures during the week had been about 10-degrees lower than normal, blazing heat was predicted for Sunday. Because of this, Ken & Carolyn and Dan & Diane decided to hit the road at 6:00 am to beat some of the heat. Jeff had already left on his own to drive at his own pace. We rolled out of normally-congested Northern Virginia with almost no traffic. Even as the heat reached into the



Carolyn and Marisa ready to hook up Rick's Mullins



Carolyn & Ken at Oak Hill



Dawn & George at the awards banquet

mid-90s, we pushed ahead and made the decision that we would try to get home in one day. By early afternoon we were in Indiana and the cars were humming along just fine.

Everything changed, though, as we approached the western toll gate and traffic came to a stop. We still had 3-4 miles to get to the gate. When we finally got to the toll gate about 45-minutes later, we found that the problem was not at the gate; it was that traffic was stopped beyond the gate. So Dan used his knowledge of roads in the area to get us off the Interstate and onto back roads until we were past the congestion. As we approached Illinois, we knew that the traffic problems were behind us. We sailed along smoothly and were home before dark, at 8:04 pm.

As Wilma Lenz, widow of our Club's founder Bob Lenz wisely said, National Meets are not just car shows – they are family reunions. We had a great time.



Dan & Diane receive the prestigious Dearborn Award



National President Phill Hall presenting Dearborn Emeritus Awards to John & Ken



Rick receives his Touring 1st Place Award



Jeff receiving his 2nd Place Touring A Award

JUNE 20 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Since it was a beautiful evening, there were quite a few Early V-8s out in the parking lot. So, of course that meant there would be a lot of conversations between everyone before the meeting started. Around 7:30 we all began to wander in to the meeting room.

President John Emmering called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and began by welcoming everyone and asking about any visitors. There was one in the crowd; former member Mo Adam. Rumor has it that he may join up again. There were 25 members in attendance.



John then announced the scores of our attendance contest which are as follows:

Henry Ford-490, Henry Ford II-540, Edsel-505. It's good to see the scores coming closer together as this contest is beginning to tighten up during the summer months. Keep up your efforts to make our club more successful!

John has printed up some brochures with information about our Club that we may pass around to anyone interested. These brochures are very attractive and may help generate some new members. See John if you would like a few. We would like to see more people join and that's why you will notice a concerted effort to bring in new members at each of our events.

John also mentioned that the Early Ford Foundation is raffling off a 1939 Mercury. The tickets are \$10 each and the form is available on their website.

Our Club has received funds from donors in memory of Norm Collins. The Board of Directors asked the members if they should purchase a brick with Norm's name on it from these donations. It would be placed around the flag pole at the Early Ford Foundation Museum. A motion was made by Ken Bounds, and seconded by Stan Stack to purchase the brick. The motioned was carried by those attending the meeting.

Board Meeting Report

The Board of Directors met on June 8th. We were short a few members due to the Eastern National Meet, but there was still much to talk about because of the many upcoming events. Please keep reading the Road Chatter, and attending the monthly meetings to get the latest information on each event. Those in attendance were: John Emmering, Gary Osborne, Joe Serritella, Ron Blum, Scott Gilday, and Tom O'Donnell.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we are still at 81 members.

National Club News

Ken Bounds let us know that planning for the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year is coming along well. He also reminded us that he and Carolyn are doing the registration for the meet. They may be looking for volunteers to help on-site with registration at the meet. Just let Ken know. One last note, and that is that you may preregister for the meet right now. You can go to the National Club website and download the form or ask Ken for a copy.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella gave this report: income of \$26 for the May 50-50 raffle, and expenses of meeting room rent-\$45, June Road Chatter-\$106.40, Spring Fling trophies-\$70.24, and Night at the Races subsidy-\$133.15.

JUNE 20 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**Health and Welfare Report**

Phyllis Madrigali asked for updates from these attending members:

- Ron Steck is doing much better after his trailer scare. His chest and ribs are healing well.
- Tom O'Donnell's son Steve is recovering well after his serious medical issue.
- Ken Bounds reported that Ron Vaughan had surgery scheduled for 6/22.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of any others please let Phyllis know about it.

Past Events

The Night at the Races on May 20th was well attended and everyone had a great time. Although some of our members may have found out that sometimes you win some and sometimes you just lose.

Ken Bounds reported about the Spring Fling that several of our members attended. This was the 43rd annual event. Our group brought a car game; the world famous Blind Toll Booth was selected. Some had never seen this game and the winner put it right in the bucket for the win.

Ken also reported on the Eastern National Meet. There were 185 registrations with 140 cars. The weather was great all week and five of our members received awards for their cars.

Gary Osborne reported on the Lincoln Highway Tour. There was a good turnout for this event. We saw several historical sites including the National Headquarters of the Lincoln Highway and Ronald Reagan's boyhood home.

Future Events

This is going to be a busy summer for our V8s. Upcoming events include:

- The Northern Ohio/Northern Illinois Joint Tour on June 29-July 2. It will be a group of about 40 people.
- Tour to Amboy Depot Museum on July 15.
- Annual Picnic July 23 at Timmerman's Ranch. This is also our 50th anniversary!
- Dual's Night on August 5 at Culvers in St. Charles.
- Friendly Ford Car Show on August 26 in Roselle.

Additional Items of Interest

After a break for some great cookies baked by Carolyn Bounds, we were given a Tech Talk by Joe Serritella about diagnosing and repairing Early Ford distributors. It sure was interesting as Joe dissected the inner workings of the distributors (at least on the screen). Joe has been rebuilding these for many years and has a passion to make sure each one is a high quality rebuild when completed.

Finally, to wrap up the evening was the 50-50 Raffle. George Zulas proudly took home \$38.

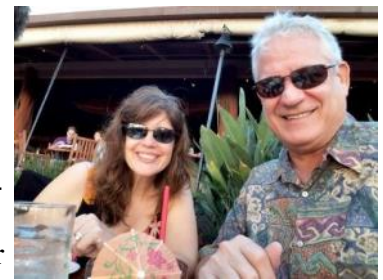
Attendance

Paul Levine, Frank Madrigali, Phyllis Madrigali, Ray McMahan, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, John Slobodnik, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, Len Vinyard, Larry Webb, George Zulas, Ken Bounds, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Joe Kozmic, and guest Mo Adam.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

Wow! It is hard to believe that the NIRG is 50 years old! Our charter, shown on the next page, is interesting. First, it sports the very early National logo that was used for only a short time. Second, it is signed by the Club's 3rd President, Lorin Sorenson, the well-known writer of Ford books and magazines. Most interesting, though, is that a numbering error showed our group as #7, not the #8 we are so familiar with. That is an entire discussion on its own and was soon corrected to properly show that the NIRG is Regional Group #8. We urge everyone to come to our big celebration at our picnic on July 23 and bring your Early V-8 if you can.



The history of our past 50 years is available both in your roster and on our website. Be sure to review it this month. We all need to think about that small group of V-8 enthusiasts who made this all possible. All of those guys are long gone, but we are fortunate to have one member who joined the group in that first year - Ron Dopke who joined at the 1967 Christmas Party. Thank him the next time you see him.

We have a packed Road Chatter this month and we expanded to 20 pages to try to catch up on recent tours and activities. Many of us are just back from a terrific Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Group to South Bend. There just wasn't enough space this month to report on that event, but we can assure you that it was a wonderful time. Watch for the report next month. We have also received an article written by Gary Osborne about one of John Ellis' many Early Fords. Stay tuned for that one.

As usual, we ask for your stories about your Early V-8s or your first car. They were coming fast and furious for a while, but have dried up as the year moves along. Also, we have not been publishing many Tech Corner or V-8 Gals articles lately. We really need your input!

Ken & Carolyn

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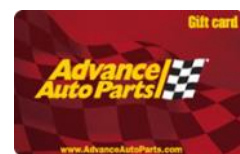
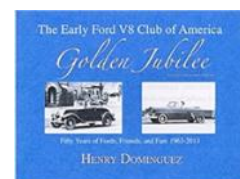
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REGIONAL GROUP CHAPTER NUMBER SEVEN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EARLY FORD V8 CLUB OF AMERICA, A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, FOUNDED IN THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA ON AUGUST 8TH, 1963, AND INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MARCH 9TH, 1966, DO HEREBY GRANT A REGIONAL GROUP CHARTER TO;

NORTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL GROUP

BY THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS CHARTER, THE REGIONAL GROUP AGREES TO BE BOUND TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL CLUB, AND TO THE BY-LAWS NOW IN FORCE OR HEREAFTER FROM TIME TO TIME ADOPTED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE SAID CORPORATION HAS CAUSED THIS CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND THE CORPORATE SEAL TO BE HERE UNTO AFIXED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY, 1967.

Bill Balguy
SECRETARY

Louis J. Johnson
PRESIDENT





10 Years Ago This Month – July 2007

On July 1 we had a huge turnout of members showing 23 antique vehicles at a show at the Volo Auto Museum. July 15-20, 45 members, family, and guests drove 19 Early Fords in a huge caravan to the Central National Meet in Winona, Minnesota. Fifteen vehicles came back with awards. Three new members signed up at the meet, including Rick & Marisa Claybaugh.

20 Years Ago This Month – July 1997

NIRG welcomed new member George Zulas. The July 15 meeting was held at Marv's Auto Parts in Carpentersville. The annual club picnic was held July 20 at the Duzells. The Central National Meet was held July 23-27 in Tulsa, OK; Joe Kozmic and Ken Bounds drove their V-8's.

30 Years Ago This Month – July 1987

The NIRG 20th Anniversary boat cruise was held July 18 on Lake Michigan. Rich and Judy Doligale hosted a fantastic evening attended by 27 couples. What is this about the Walls seeing a full moon while strolling on Michigan Avenue? Several members drove their V-8's to the Central National Meet in Brainerd, MN. Ralph Morey and Frank Koeder brought home trophies.

40 Years Ago This Month – July 1977

The July monthly meeting was held at Tom Young's body shop and had a very large turnout. Tom gave a tech talk on straightening a frame and Marty Duling brought a semi disassembled Columbia and explained how the parts work. New members Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell were welcomed to the club. Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a well attended event July 10 that included driving games, food, touring, and lots of fun. Fifteen V-8's participated, as well as two other classics.

50 Years Ago This Month - July 1967

The NIRG received its National Charter dated July 23.

Flathead Flashback

Marisa, Rick, and Kim Claybaugh at the 2017 CNM Awards Banquet ten years ago. They joined the NIRG at the meet.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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



**Happy 50th Birthday
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 Regional Group #8**

July 23, 1967 - July 23, 2017

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 RHONDA MILLER (7/18), PAUL LINZER (7/19), TONY MIRELES (7/19),
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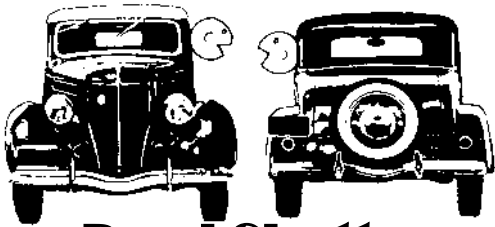


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