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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

June 3 HIP tour of Lincoln Highway. See page 3.

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

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

June 29-July 2 Joint tour to South Bend. See page 4.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 7-11 Eastern National Meet - Chantilly, VA

June 18 49th Annual Father's Day Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 10 - 6.

June 25 40th Gears & Ears Car Show & Swap Meet, Kendall County Fairgrounds, 8 am - 4 pm, Admission \$25 to show/\$5 spectator.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our Group at the Safety Check and Luncheon.



Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the June 20 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking. After the business meeting, the program will be a tech talk by Joe Serritella on Early V-8 distributors.

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MEETINGS

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Nearly half of 2017 has passed but as far as our Northern Illinois Group is concerned, we've only just begun as June brings the summer season and things begin to happen. Several tours and events are planned and waiting for your participation and enjoyment. So far in 2017 we have seen meetings with excellent attendance and enjoyed some great tech talks. It was nice to see several V-8's out in the lot for our May meeting.



In our June membership meeting I am hoping to pass out some recruiting materials and will be urging all of you to make an effort to put out the word about our Northern Illinois Regional Group to owners displaying 1932-1953 Fords, Lincolns and Mercurys at the cruise nights and car shows many of us will be attending.

The Henry Ford, Henry Ford II and Edsel Ford competition is still raging onward. Why not help your group earn points and write up a Road Chatter article, plan a tech talk and also attend meetings and events? All these things will add points to your group's total. Remember the picnic is coming and while the leading group gets a car detailed the two trailing groups will be doing the detailing. A club wide pizza party is being planned for November where the winning group will be honored and eat free of charge. Your efforts could turn the tide and put your group ahead.

Now that we have reached the middle of the year I can see the need for a few "mid-course corrections" where I may have fallen a little short. I hope to get the meetings started more promptly and this will take some help with the sale of our 50-50 tickets. We will be seeking volunteers before meetings to help with this task. Also I think I have failed to publicize Health and Welfare enough. Please do not hesitate to contact our Health and Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali by phone or her email goofy1943@gmail.com with family or health news. Finally if you have an a idea for a tour or activity a good way to share it is to contact our Tour Chairman Ron Steck some time in advance by phone or email and run the idea by him. Ron is always open to facilitating activities if possible and can share your idea with the board.

Oh well, it looks like it's time for me to go out and check out my V-8 for the long ride west on the Lincoln Highway coming up June 3rd. Hope to see many of you on the Historic Illinois Pavement tour and also in your places for our June 20th membership meeting.

2017 Spring Fling

Nine members and one guest attended the Spring Fling in Lincoln, Nebras-ka over Memorial Day weekend. We drove four Early V-8s and had a great time. Our group hosted a car game and we came home with a few prizes. Watch for a full report in an upcoming issue.

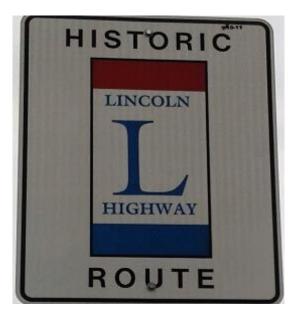
UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



HISTORIC ILLINOIS PAVEMENT

Tours

This is Where You Want to Be!



Saturday June 3rd • 8:30 A.M.

This is our second in a series of tours called Historic Illinois Pavement Tours. We will meet at the Northwest corner of the parking lot at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles at 8:30 A.M. Host Gary Osborne will give some history of the highway before the group leaves there at 9:00. The tour will be about 150 miles round trip and will be driven on much of the original 1913 route.

The first stop will be at the Lincoln Highway National Headquarters in Franklin Grove. Then we will visit the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home Museum in Dixon. The cost for the Museum is \$7.

We will have lunch at That Place on Palmyra Restaurant just outside Dixon. After lunch we will finish the tour going through Sterling. We should be leaving Sterling around 3:00 PM to head back home.

If you would like to go on the tour and did not sign up at the May meeting, please contact Gary right away at 630-584-3286 and let him know how many will be attending and what car you plan to drive so he can update restaurant reservations.

More Upcoming Tours and Events









Hotel: Doubletree Suites, South Bend - Room Rate of \$139 per night, plus tax
The deadline for making reservations was May 31st, but you can call the hotel at
866-893-5713 to see if any rooms are available at the Early Ford V-8 Club rate.

Thursday, June 29

Meet at Lincoln Oasis; depart at 10:00 am. Drive 75 miles to South Bend via I-80/94 and US-20. Check in to hotel and meet the group from Ohio.

Tour Tippecanoe Place, the mansion built by Clem Studebaker in the 1880s.

Friday, June 30

In the morning we will have a 42-mile driving tour to Shipshewana to visit Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum. Buffet lunch will be at the Blue Gate Restaurant.

After a leisurely drive back to South Bend, we will take a quick tour of the South Bend Chocolate Company factory and have some time for visiting and relaxing before dinner at a local restaurant.

Saturday, July 1

On Saturday morning we will tour the beautiful and historic campus of the University of Notre Dame, followed by lunch at a downtown restaurant.

On Saturday afternoon we will tour the Studebaker National Museum. The \$10 admission covers a 1½ to 2 hour tour of the priceless Studebaker collection of wagons, automobiles, and artifacts covering 150 years of local history. For those who want more, we can also explore the Center for History which includes several historic galleries pertinent to South Bend history.

Saturday Evening we will have a barbeque buffet with a cash bar and presentations in the beautiful atrium at the Doubletree. The banquet must be reserved and paid for in advance.

Sunday, July 2

Sunday morning we will have an optional tour of the historic 38-room Oliver Mansion built in the 1890s by the owner of the Oliver Chilled Plow company.

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Yay! It is finally starting to warm up. Because of the cold and rainy spring, I'm a little late planting my flowers. I was sitting outside debating what I wanted to plant this year when I was bitten by my first mosquito of the season. That made me wonder if there was anything I could plant that might ward off those pests. A quick Internet search returned lots of information. I found an article on the Mother Nature Network that had a good list of herbs and plants and what they repel. That information is listed below. The link to the full article is at the end of the page. The garden center is my next stop!

• Basil: Repels house flies and mosquitos

• Lavender: Repels moths, fleas, flies and mosquitoes

• Lemon Grass: Repels mosquitoes

• Lemon thyme: Repels mosquitoes

• Mint: Repels mosquitoes

• Rosemary: Repels mosquitoes and a variety of insects harmful to vegetable plants

• Bay leaves: Repels flies

• Chives: Repels carrot flies, Japanese beetle and aphids

• Dill: Repels aphids, squash bugs, spider mites, cabbage loopers and tomato hornworms

• Fennel: Repels aphids, slugs and snails

• Lemon balm: Repels mosquitoes

• Oregano: Repels many pests and will provide ground cover and humidity for peppers

• Parsley: Repels asparagus beetles

• Thyme: Repels whiteflies, cabbage loopers, cabbage maggots, corn earworms, whiteflies, tomato hornworms and small whites

• Chrysanthemums: Repels roaches, ants, Japanese beetles, ticks, silverfish, lice, fleas, bedbugs, spider mites, harlequin bugs and root-knot nematodes

• Marigolds: The scent from various types of marigolds repels aphids, mosquitoes and even rabbits

• Nasturtiums: Repels whiteflies, squash bugs, aphids, many beetles and cabbage loopers

• Petunias: Repels aphids, tomato hornworms, asparagus beetles, leafhoppers and squash bugs

• Common lantanas: Repels mosquitoes

• Four O'Clocks: Attracts but poison Japanese beetle

• Geraniums: Repels leafhoppers

• Narcissus: Repels moles

that-repel-unwanted-insects





Safety Check, Photo Shoot, and Luncheon By Ken Bounds

On May 6, after a rainout the previous weekend, 15 members met at Roundhead's of Lombard for a vehicle safety check and photo shoot. We were also lucky to have our own Frank Koeder, a certified appraiser, present to provide vehicle appraisals. Alas, no one took advantage that that opportunity.

President John Emmering manned the clipboard and conducted the safety checks with several assistants while Ken took photos using Roundhead's unique façade as a backdrop. There was plenty of time for tire kicking, lively conversation, and checking out each others' rides.

One special thrill for us was seeing an old familiar Early V-8 displayed by our newest member, Ray



McMahon. Ray purchased former NIRG President Marty Duling's '36 Club Cabriolet back in 1996 and most of us had not seen it since. It was a real blast from the past for those of us who followed that car down the road on tours many times. The hard luck award goes to John Scheve, who ran out of gas in his '37 between the trailer and the parking lot. The long distance award goes to Eric Kozmic who came all the way from South Carolina to drive his dad's Mercury to the event.

At 11:00 am, we went into Roundhead's to enjoy lunch. The food and service were very good and the beverages were plentiful. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable time. Participants were our President John Emmering - 1951 Fordor, Ron & Arlene Blum - 1940 Fordor, Ken Bounds - 1951 Mercury, Frank Koeder - 1939 Convertible, Eric Kozmic - 1953 Mercury, Pat Maroney - 1936 Fordor, Ray McMahon - 1936 Club Cabriolet, Michael & Grace Mohawk - 1950 Tudor, Tom O'Donnell - 1953 Lincoln, John & Este Scheve - 1937 Standard Tudor, Ron Steck - 1940 Pickup, and Jeff Trilling - 1952 Pickup.



A Night at the Races By Ken Bounds

Once again, Ron and Arlene Blum hosted a really fun night at the racetrack. For the second year in a row, we enjoyed harness racing under the lights at Hawthorne Race Course in Cicero. After rain earlier in the day, the weather was nice, if a bit chilly, for our event.

By 6:00, participants began arriving, selecting their seats, and studying the program to begin choosing their horses. At 6:30, a delicious buffet was served - no one left hungry. The first race went off at 7:15 and you could hear the cheers of excitement as winners came in and the groans of defeat as the not-so-lucky tossed away losing tickets. The sting of possible loss was offset somewhat as Ron presented each of us a \$2 wagering token. Carolyn and I used ours wisely as we scored a winner on each token - free money!

Everything proceeded on schedule as the betting was lively and the conversation engaging. The featured race for the Northern Illinois Regional Group was the 5th. Just before the call to post, our hostess

gathered our group together to go down for our group photo in the winner's circle. Also, three lucky folks had the thrill of riding in the starter's car. That honor went to First Lady Robin Emmering, Ron's neighbor Audrey, and Joe's cousin Vince. We understand they had a great time. After Maserati Seelster beat CR Artistic by a wide margin, we all gathered for the photo.

There were 11 races on the calendar that night, but most of us ran out of money or out of gas before the last race at 11:11 pm. As the races counted down, members began saying goodbyes and making their way home; some won a little money, others lost, but everyone had a wonderful time. Our thanks go out once again to Ron and Arlene Blum for setting up a first class event.



Our hosts Ron & Arlene



Riding in the starter car is always exciting



Maserati Seelster wins by 10 1/2 lengths!



Our group photo in Winners Circle

Participants this evening were our hosts Ron & Arlene Blum with their neighbor Audrey Rohlinger, President & First Lady John & Robin Emmering, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Roger Obecny & Mary Partyka, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell with daughter Maureen, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, Joe & Delice Serritella with Joe's cousin Vince Serritella, John & Barb Slobodnik and son John, and George & Dawn Zulas.



Dan & Diane

Our group

Carolyn - where's Ken?

May 16 Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President John Emmering called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM due to the nice weather outside that afforded a little extra time to check out the Early Fords. There were 24 members in attendance for the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the announcing of the Team scores. They are as follows: Henry Ford-390, Henry Ford II-460, Edsel Ford-380. It looks like the Henry Ford group is beginning to make their move to the front of the pack! Remember to keep attending the Club functions, and maybe even write a short article for the Road Chatter. These are easy things to do, and certainly will help you feel more involved with the Club.



Board Meeting Report

The Board of Directors met on May 11th. They went over the latest events on the calendar. There was a lot to discuss due to the very busy schedule that the Club has this year. Those in attendance were: John Emmering, John Scheve, Gary Osborne, Joe Serritella, Ken Bounds, Ron Blum, Scott Gilday, and Tom O'Donnell.

Membership Report

We are currently holding at 81 members and always looking for more. A note of congratulations goes out to member Kim Claybaugh who graduated from college and received a '52 Ford Coupe as a graduation gift from Rick & Marisa.

National Club News

Ken reported that the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year is coming together. The hotel contract has been signed and there is work being done with the planning of the activities for the Meet.

The Eastern Meet in Chantilly, Virginia is coming up fast and could still use more registrations as there is plenty of room.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella gave the report as follows: income of \$524 for the Pizza Night 50-50 Raffle and the paid attendance. There were expenses of \$752.49 for the Meeting room, Road Chatter, Pizza night, and membership meeting snacks.

Health and Welfare Report

Tom O'Donnell reported that his son has had a very serious medical issue. He is now in the healing process which will take quite some time. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

If anyone has something that they would like the members to know about please email Phyllis Madrigali.

Past Events

Ron Blum reported that the Pizza Meeting was very well attended. There was plenty of pizza for all and it was pretty tasty. Everyone had a great time, and we might use Papa Passero's for a future Pizza Meeting.

Ken Bounds reported that the Safety Check Event was well attended with 17 members. After the cars were all checked out everyone went into Roundhead's to check out the lunch menu. Good food and lots of laughs.

Future Events

There are a lot of events fast approaching, so watch and mark your calendars carefully.

May 16 Meeting Minutes - Continued

The Spring Fling in Lincoln, Nebraska is Memorial Day Weekend. (This is probably a Past Event by the time you read this)

The H.I.P. Tour down the Lincoln Highway is June 3rd. Hopefully you have already signed up. Call me if you want to attend.

The Eastern National Meet in Chantilly, Virginia is June 7-11.

The Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio group is June 29- July 2nd. There is a good group going. Hotel reservations need to be in by May 31. Ken Bounds has informed us that all the tours and activities are shaping up for all to have a really great time.

The tour to the Amboy Depot Museum will be hosted by Ron Steck on July 15th.

Additional Items of Interest

After a short break for refreshments, we all came back for a Tech Talk provided by Tom O'Donnell on voltmeters. Tom gave a hands-on demonstration using a voltmeter. He discussed how to troubleshoot several problems, and then the differences between an analog and a digital voltmeter. Very informative. As a special surprise he gave a voltmeter to a 50-50 raffle player. The winner was Larry Webb. The cash 50-50 winner was Gary Osborne who so thankfully didn't hesitate to take home \$25.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Those in attendance were:

Larry Webb, Jeff Trilling, Jim Taylor, Stan Stack, John Slobodnik, Joe Serritella, John Scheve, Dan Pudelek, Gary Osborne, Tom O'Donnell, Joe Novak, Neil McManus, Frank Madrigali, Phyllis Madrigali, Paul Lunecki, Paul Linzer, John Judge, Paul Jensen, Jay Hinshaw, John Emmering, Ron Dopke, Tom Buscaglia, Ken Bounds, and Ron Blum.

In Memory Of Norbert Collins July 17, 1927 - May 28, 2017

Norbert Collins, fondly know to club members as Norm, passed away May 28. Norm and his late

wife Calista (Dolly to us) were long-time members of the club, having joined in June 1969, just two years after our founding. Norm and Dolly were very active in the early years both as participants in many tours and events and in running various tours and brunches themselves.

After the loss of Dolly 10 years ago and as health slowed Norm down in recent years, he still made an effort to attend a number of club events, especially the picnic and Veterans Day luncheons, due to the generosity of his granddaughter Corinne who drove him to events in his distinctive 1941 Mercury Tudor.

Funeral services are scheduled for June 1. We will miss Norm. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



Norm and Corinne at the 2016 Veterans Day Luncheon



10 Years Ago This Month – June 2007

At the beginning of June, several members had a great time touring to the Eastern National Meet in Fairfax, Virginia. All came home with trophies. At the end of the month, 32 members got together for a drivers meeting at the Arlington Heights American Legion Hall for the upcoming trip to the Central National Meet in Winona, Wisconsin.

20 Years Ago This Month – June 1997

The Road Chatter contained a letter written to the National Club by Joe Kozmic about changes in touring class and a response from V-8 Club President Don Rogers. The Road Chatter also had an article about Drew Englert's '50 Ford "Police Car."

30 Years Ago This Month – June 1987

The Road Chatter contained a profile of Jerry & Florence Corcoran's original '49 Tudor. Joel Clark hosted a Ford Plant tour June 4. The highlight of the June 9 monthly meeting was an interesting and informative presentation on the Columbia Overdrive by Marty Duling. Earl Heintz hosted the Springbrook Mall car show June 20. The Eastern National Meet was held June 22-26 in Fairfax, VA! Joel Clark hosted a driving tour June 28 along the Rock River and to Rock Valley Auto Parts in Stillman Valley.

40 Years Ago This Month – June 1977

The June 14 monthly meeting was a huge success as 43 members and 5 guests attended a demonstration at ROPO Metal Strippers in Arlington Heights. President Ray Tognarelli passed out the new NIRG rosters. Earl Heintz arranged a fund-raising car show June 26 in Orland Park.

Flathead Flashback

Our 2007 Eastern National Meet group in front of the White House, 10 years ago, June 1, 2007.



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Gail Leicht (6/1), James Larson (6/2), June Young (6/2), Thomas Myers (6/4), John Slobodnik (6/4), Bob Miller (6/5), Delice Serritella (6/7), Judy Buscaglia (6/10), Ron Steck (6/10), Sandra Kubik (6/11), Marisa Claybaugh (6/19), Corinne Beller (6/22), Sam Barone (6/27), Sam Dix (6/28), John Krenger (6/29) Elaine Braun (6/30) & Janet Levine (6/30)

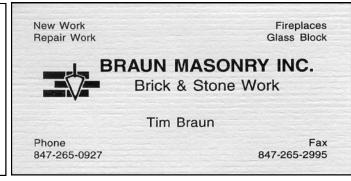
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

Paul & Cara Lunecki (6/3), Robert & Ginny Magnusson (6/5), Thomas & Judy Myers (6/8), Lin & Pat Stacey (6/14), Rick & Marisa Claybaugh (6/15), Gerald & Joan Kelly (6/15), Sam & Janis Dix (6/18), Paul & Janet Levine (6/22), Thomas & Florence Pinn (6/22), Ron & Colleen Steck (6/24) & Alan & Lois Wall (6/27)

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1936 LB Motor; 1933-34 rear axle and housings (nice); Standard 4" stroke crank and Rods & Pistons; #59 Canadian block with 4 1/8 crank & Rods & pistons. Call Paul Jensen, 847-678-0123.

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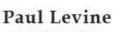
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