

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 6 Safety check & photos, postponed from April 26. See page 4.

May 11 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

May 16 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

May 20 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Race Course. See page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 20 - 21 52nd Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Admission \$7

May 21 Cars & Cops car show, Chicago. See page 4.

May 26-29 43rd Annual Spring Fling, Lincoln, NE

May 28 46th Annual Auto Show, Swap Meet & Craft Show, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission, show cars \$15

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Page 4 – Join your fellow V-8ers for a vehicle safety check, photo shoot, and vehicle appraisal opportunity at Roundhead's in Lombard, followed by lunch, on Saturday, May 6. Postponed due to the bad weather on April 29.

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Page 9 – Remember, our abbreviated events calendar appears on this page every month. Also, be sure to check the listings of our members' birthdays and anniversaries. Plus, check out the opportunity to win a 1939 Mercury from the Early Ford V-8 Foundation.

Page 10 – Looking for that needed part? Have something to sell? Be sure to check the for sale and wanted ads each month.

Page 11 – Don't forget to support our advertisers!

Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Part of our group enjoying the Pizza Meeting.

Honor Our Fallen Heroes



May 29

Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the May 16 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking. After the business meeting, the program will be a tech talk by Tom O'Donnell on the use of a voltmeter in troubleshooting your Early V-8.

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MEETINGS

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

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The month of May is upon us and all that it brings. On Sunday May 14th we will take time to appreciate the mothers in our Northern Illinois Regional Group and all they do and have done in raising our kids. Police Officer Memorial Day will be commemorated May 15th, as we remember Police Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty as well as the Memorial Day Holiday May 29th honoring those military members who died in our nation's wars protecting our freedom. Armed Forces Day May 20th is the special time when we honor the branches of our United States military services.



One notable milestone this month is the 60th birthday of Ford Motor Company Executive Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. on May 3rd. Bill is the great-grandson of Henry Ford and with his current leadership of Ford Motor Company is continuing the heritage of the Ford family. I'm glad that we are able to preserve a portion of that heritage with the early Ford V-8 automobiles we have restored, maintained and returned to the road for the public to enjoy.

The pizza meeting at Papa Passero's April 18th was a great success. We had plenty of members in attendance and several guests enjoying good food and conversation. I appreciate those who brought their friends who share our appreciation for Ford V-8's and show potential to join our ranks. The nice weather that evening made it the first event where we could get some Ford V-8's out. There will be some V-8's heading west to Lincoln Nebraska at the end of the month for the "Spring Fling", hosted by the Cornhusker Regional Group May 26-29. I wish safe travels and plenty of enjoyment to those participating.

I'm looking forward to our members meeting Tuesday May 16th and hope the weather will allow many of us to bring our Early Ford V-8's. Our contest is heating up and the Henry Ford Group appears to be pushing up from behind with a strong performance in April. Also an interesting tech talk is planned.

Searching for an appropriate quote to close this message, I found one from Mother Teresa. She said, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot, and together we can do great things." Profound thought but true. Our regional group has people with many different talents. Some have great mechanical skills and knowledge, others organizational or journalistic abilities. Let's continue this teamwork as we enter the coming very active summer season and make it one of the best.

Congratulations!

To Kim Claybaugh, who graduates from Southwestern Oklahoma State University on May 6 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training. We are all very proud of you and wish you success in your new career!

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

You are Invited to Join Your V-8 Friends As The Northern Illinois Regional Group

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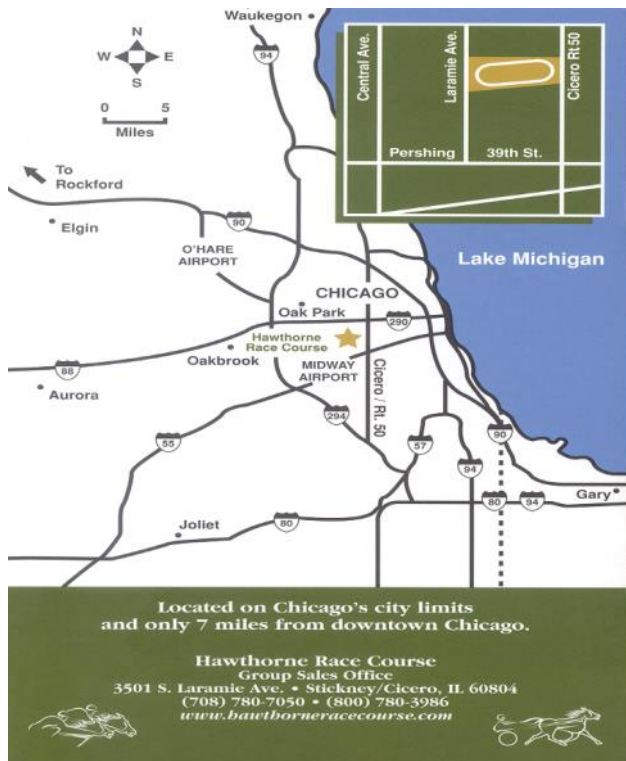
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MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Northern Illinois Regional Group Spring Safety Check and Photos Saturday, May 6 (Postponed from April 29)

Roundhead's of Lombard, 205 W Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL

Spring is here and it is time to get those Early V-8s out of the garage! This event will be held at Roundhead's Pizza & Pub, located on Roosevelt Road just one mile east of I-355. Roundhead's is on the south side of Roosevelt, immediately east of Heritage Cadillac.

Time: 9:00 am through 11:00 am - time may be extended to be sure all cars are included.

Lunch: We will break for lunch sometime between 11:00 and noon.

Don't have a V-8? No problem! Come in modern iron and join the fun.

Safety Check

Photo Opportunity

Professional Appraisals

Frank Koeder is a Certified Appraiser and has agreed to provide vehicle appraisals for your Early V-8 at a very special price for NIRG members.

For More Information

Contact Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 if you plan to participate or if you have any questions.

Cars & Cops Car Show - May 21

Paul Levine invites all members to attend the Cars & Cops Car Show, Sunday May 21 in Chicago.

Cars & Cops is a judged car show that will take place on the 2.5-acre parking lot at Collector's Car Garage on Sunday, May 21st from 10AM to 4PM. Collector's Car Garage is located in the rear of 2500 W. Bradley Place in Chicago.

Your vehicle entry will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges and automotive experts. Awards will be presented for the best vehicle in several car classes — Sports Cars, Pre-War Classic Cars, Exotics, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, Tuners, Post-War (1945-65), Race Cars, Micro Cars and Miscellaneous Judges' Choice.

The entry fee for contestants is \$25 per vehicle. All proceeds will benefit Get Behind the Vest, an initiative of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, which is purchasing 8,000 bulletproof vests for use by Chicago police officers. Event spectators will receive free entry, however visitor donations will be gratefully accepted.

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Great Lakes Rendezvous 6 Northern Illinois Regional Group Northern Ohio Regional Group South Bend, Indiana June 29 - July 2, 2017



Tentative Schedule

Hotel: Doubletree Suites, South Bend - Room Rate of \$139 per night, plus tax
Make your reservations now - call 866-893-5713 - ask for the Early Ford V-8 Club rate, or click [here](#) to book online. **The deadline for making reservations is May 31st!**

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.

Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1

Various tours, including the Studebaker National Museum, the History Museum (including the Oliver Mansion), the South Bend Chocolate Factory Museum, and more. Driving tour to Shipshewana and Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum. More events may be added as planning continues.

Saturday Evening

There will be a banquet and presentations in the beautiful atrium at the Doubletree. The banquet must be reserved and paid for in advance - watch for a reservation form coming soon.

Sunday, July 2

Breakfast, say goodbyes, and return home. Time permitting, optional tours may be added.

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Historic Illinois Pavement (HIP) Tour #2 The Lincoln Highway



On Saturday June 3, 2017 we will be touring the Historic Lincoln Highway. The tour will be about 150 miles round trip and will be driven on much of the original 1913 route. Meet at the Northwest corner of the parking lot at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL at 8:30 A.M. Since these routes are all about historic roads, we will be sharing some of the history of the Lincoln Highway before we start.

APRIL 18 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Really? You want the “minutes” on the Pizza Meeting? How does one write down the “minutes” on a meeting that has only one purpose; eating pizza with good company? When I walked in, the mood was festive, loud, and definitely all about people having a great time. The pizza had not yet been served, so there was a lot of talking and beverages going around. As a matter of fact, there was so much chatter that President John Emmering had a hard time calling the meeting to order. When he finally did, there were many announcements that needed to be given.



First was a welcome to all the visitors, and there were quite a few. They were: Chris Howe, Matt & Autumn Dehnert, Mary Partyka, Dave & Louise Artus, Tom Zulas, Ken Mocal, and Virgie Burnquist. Of course, then John welcomed all the members of the Club. We were pleased to meet in person our newest members, Ray & Mary McMahan, who were attending their first NIRG event.

There was an update on the current scores of the Team Contest:

Henry Ford II - 415

Edsel Ford - 350

Henry Ford - 280

It looks like the participation in Club events is keeping the scores in the upward direction, and this is great for all of us to see.

Several clipboards made the rounds with sign-up sheets for the many upcoming events:

- The next event is the Safety Check at Roundheads in Lombard on April 29th. (Note - rescheduled to May 6.
- Then Day at the Races on May 20th at Hawthorne Park.
- Then the H.I.P. Tour on the Lincoln Highway on June 3rd.
- And lastly, the Joint Tour with our Ohio friends on June 29-July 2nd.



Ron Blum and President John making presentations

I hope that you were able to sign up for one or more of these events as they all look to be a lot of fun.

Of course, what would a members' meeting be without the 50-50 raffle? With a group so large we all knew it was going to be a good amount of cash to one lucky winner. Well, that lucky winner was JoAnne Stack! She took home \$65 to spend however she wanted.

After the raffle drawing most of the people starting leaving around 9:00. It appeared that everyone had a great time catching up with one another while enjoying some good pizza. Looking forward to seeing all of you in this summer's driving season as the warm weather approaches.

Those in attendance were:

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, John & Robin Emmering, Gladys Duzell, Terry & Kitty Freihage, Paul Jensen, John Judge, James & Kathy Larson, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali and guests Dave & Louise Artus, Pat Maroney, Ray & Mary McMahan, Joe Novak & Millie Olds, Roger Obecny & Mary Partyka with guest Chris Howe, Tom O'Donnell, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, John & Barb Slobodnik, Stan & JoAnne Stack, Ron & Colleen Steck with guests Matt &

APRIL 18 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Autumn Dehnert, Len Vinyard, Larry Webb & Virgie Burnquist, George & Dawn Zulas with son Tom and guest Ken Mocal.



Jim & Harriet Taylor, left, Kathy & James Larson, right, and many others enjoying the pizza meeting





10 Years Ago This Month – May 2007

The May Road Chatter contained an interesting article from Tom O'Donnell about his 1940 Mercury Sedan Coupe. On May 6, twenty-seven members driving 12 Early V-8s and other classics enjoyed Ron Dopke's tour to Bull Valley to see Dan Adams' terrific collection, followed by lunch in Richmond. On May 12, Jack Nikolich hosted a tour to Crystal Lake to see the collections of Marvin Richer and Ken Weger. Twenty-eight members with 13 Early V-8s participated.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 1997

The club obtained two swap spaces at the Grayslake AACA meet and was looking for donations of items from members to sell. Thirty-one members attended the May 20th meeting. Membership Chairman Lin Stacey reported that we have 78 NIRG members.

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1987

The Road Chatter included an article by Neil McManus about his '47 Woodie. An article from Chester Lawrence provided tips and warnings about working on fuel tanks. Ron "Lucky" Vaughan won the 50-50 raffle for the third time at the May 12th meeting.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1977

The May 15th NIRG picnic, hosted by Howie Bischoff, was well-attended but had to be cut short due to a sudden storm. Eighteen NIRG families were present with 13 club cars. The newsletter carried a reminder that all NIRG members must also be members of the National V-8 club and discussed some of the benefits of being a member.

Flathead Flashback

Tom Buscaglia seems to enjoy his non-alcoholic beer at Kief's Reef on the Crystal Lake Tour. 10 years ago, May 12, 2007.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
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	10 Board Meeting 12 Fords & Friends Cruise-In, St. Charles 15 Member Meeting
September	October	November	December
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



Former Early Ford V-8 Foundation President Bob Malley has generously donated a gorgeous original 1939 Mercury 4 Door to be raffled. Tickets are \$10 each and can be ordered by calling the museum at 260-927-8022. The winning tickets will be drawn in Auburn October 6, 2017 - need not be present to win. Winner has choice of the car or \$10,000 cash. Second place wins \$3,000, third wins \$1,000. More details on the Foundation website, www.fordv8foundation.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**STAN STACK (5/2), PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (5/4), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),
JOHN ELLIS (5/9), GRACE MOHAWK (5/9), MARILYN KRENGER (5/13),
RAY McMAHON (5/14), CAROLINE MIRELES (5/14), JOHN BAUER (5/17),
PAUL LUNECKI (5/17), FRANK KOEDER (5/18), IRENE VINYARD (5/18),
GARY OSBORNE (5/20), JEFF TRILLING (5/22),
MONDIRA BHATTACHARYA (5/30), & GINNY MAGNUSSON (5/31)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**DON & ELAINE BRAUN (5/4), SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6),
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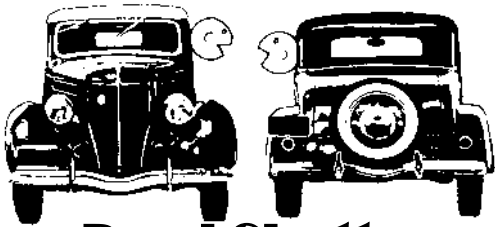


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