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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

November 5 All Ford Turkey Dinner, Elburn. See page 3.

November 9 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

November 11 Veterans Day Luncheon. See Page 3.

November 21 Pizza Meeting, Papa Passero's, Westmont. See page 4.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

November 5 Daylight Saving Time Ends - Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

November 11 - 12 Chicago-land Antique Advertising, Slot-Machine & Jukebox Show, Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Admission \$7.

November 23 Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

In this Issue

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Back Cover – Ron Steck's 1941 Station Wagon in front of Fair Lane estate while attending the National Woodie Show.



Attention Members

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family to Papa Passero's in Westmont on November 21 – see Page 4 for details.

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Scott Gilday

Tom O'Donnell

Ron Steck

MEETINGS

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

"Preserving Flathead Fords around the World" is the mission statement of the early Ford V-8 Club of America and being members we need to consider the message that statement conveys. The dictionary tells us "preserve" means "to maintain something in its original state." The term "Flathead Fords" has evolved in the club's history to include all Ford Motor Company made vehicles between 1932-1953. "The World" is the club's sphere of influence, with fourteen regional groups outside of the United States in Canada, South America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand and individual members all over the globe beside over 100 groups in the United States.



My original interest in Ford V-8's began to bud as a young teen when I put down \$2.95 to purchase an AMT plastic model kit of a 1932 Ford V-8 Victoria. The box the kit came in caught my interest because it was illustrated with a picture of Bonnie & Clyde crashing out of a garage in a hail of bullets driving a 1932 Victoria. When I began work on the model I noticed it included several chrome accessories along with the traditional stock components and gave the builder a choice of making the car stock, custom or competition. I choose to build the model stock, which pretty much became my preference, extending to when I was able to take ownership of a real flathead Ford V-8 automobile a few years later.

Looking over the 1932-1953 Ford vehicles listed for sale on EBay Motors and Hemmings I find that only about one fourth of them appear to be in stock condition, indicating that the "purists" are definitely in the minority. While there are many preferences in the direction taken with vintage flathead Fords, I am sure that even Rod and Custom fans appreciate the fact that there is a group such as ours preserving and maintaining Ford V-8s to the best of our ability the way Henry sent them out of the factory. While some in our fold may not have cars that are "bone stock" our common trait is the appreciation for those V-8's that originally appeared in Ford dealership showrooms back in the 30's, 40's and early 50's.

The hard work and expense needed for success in national judging serves a purpose in returning our Ford V-8's as close as possible to how they looked when they premiered on the showroom to an excited public many years ago. I suppose I will find out how challenging that is as I try to improve one of my cars to the point I could be willing to have it judged next spring.

Our Northern Illinois Regional Group, as part of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America, may not have worldwide influence but we certainly have a quite a stage here in a major metropolitan center like the Chicago area. We have a great chance to promote Early Ford V-8 automobiles in car shows and cruise nights that our members attend and also as we travel together on our activities and tours. I think our national club has a good mission statement and I'll add my voice to those who would like to see the mission of "Preserving flathead Fords around the World" to continue.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



V-8's and Veterans

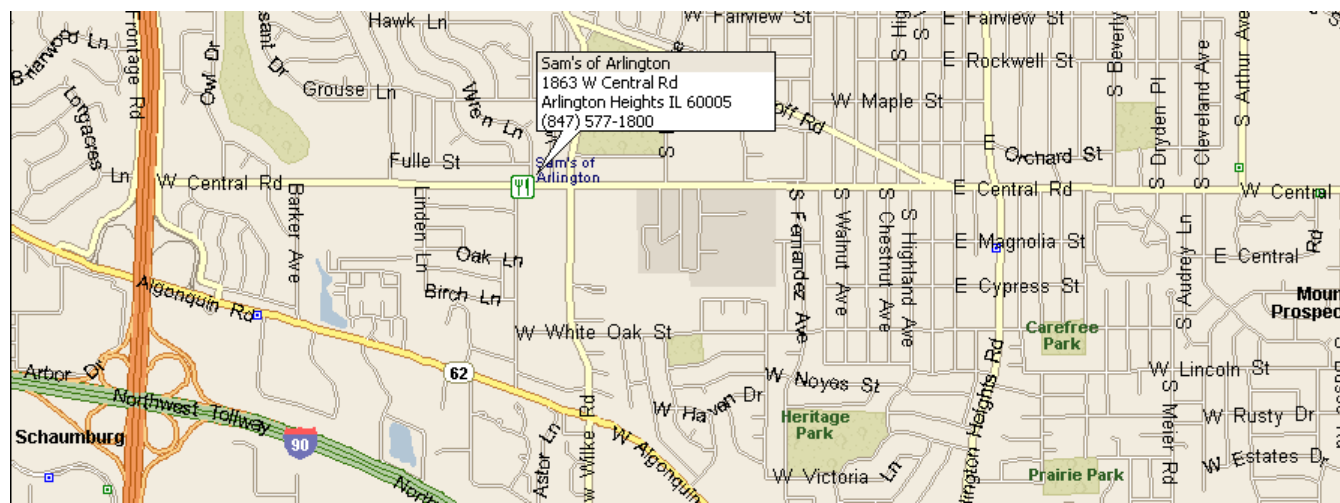
**A LUNCHEON TO HONOR OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE
SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES**

November 11, 2017 – 12:00 noon

**Sam's of Arlington
1863 W Central Rd, Arlington Heights**



Everyone is invited to get together for lunch on Veterans Day, Saturday November 11 at 12:00 noon. Hosted by Earl & Gene Heintz. If you did not sign up at the October meeting, please call Ken Bounds by November 6 if you plan to attend so we can provide a count to the restaurant. Modern iron is welcome, but if the weather is nice, why not bring out that V-8 one more time! Just an informal lunch to say "Thank You" to our Veterans.



Attention all  Fans!!!

Interested in something a little different? Our group has again been invited to participate in an all-Ford turkey dinner at the Elburn Lions Community Park at noon on November 5. Members of Model A groups, Early V-8s, and Thunderbirds have been invited and are encouraged to drive their classic cars. Several of our members went last year and had a great time.

John Emmering is coordinating our participation in this event. If you would like to participate, please let John know. There was a sign-up sheet at the October 17 monthly meeting. The deadline to sign up was October 22. Hope to see you there.

Save the Date - Sunday, December 10

John & Este Scheve are hosting our annual Christmas Luncheon December 10th at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton. Payment of \$21.50 per person is required in advance. Please see the form inserted in this issue for more information and send your payment to Este Scheve before December 4.

MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

**Papa Passero's is the place to meet for
a Special Pizza Meeting
Time to get together with V-8ers for an
enjoyable evening of food & fun!**

Papa Passero's Family Pizzeria
6326 S Cass Avenue
Westmont, IL

Date: Tuesday, November 21

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per person - includes ALL U CAN EAT pizza, soft drinks, tax and tip. Cash bar.

The club has reserved a large room, so we will have plenty of space. Spouses and guests are welcome!

This special pizza meeting is being held to celebrate the conclusion of President Emmering's friendly competition to encourage participation by members during our 50th Anniversary year. At the beginning of 2017, members were organized into three groups: Henry Ford, Henry Ford II, and Edsel Ford. After months of points being awarded for attendance at meetings and events, for organizing tech talks or events, and for Road Chatter contributions, the winners were the Edsel Ford group. Congratulations - they eat free pizza!

Papa Passero's is located on Cass Ave at the corner of 63rd St. Those of you coming from the north, take I-355 and exit at 63rd Street. Go east on 63rd 3.7 miles and turn right on Cass - Papa Passero's is on the right.

2018 Dues are Due

It is time to renew your membership for 2018. If you want to receive the printed edition of the *Road Chatter* through the mail, dues are \$25 per year. However, if you elect to receive the *Road Chatter* through e-mail only (no paper copy) the dues are only \$15 per year. Please be sure to indicate your selection on the renewal form.



More than half the members have already renewed. We are enclosing a form with this issue if we have not received your renewal; please review the form and make any changes, correct any errors, or add any missing information. Please add your cell phone number and your e-mail address if you care to share this information. You can return the form with your payment to the membership chairman at the address shown on the form or bring them to the next meeting or event.

Woodies and Friends in Ford Town

By Ron Steck

I recently went to Dearborn, Michigan to attend the National Woodie Club's very first National Meet. The meet was held September 30 through October 1 at the Edward hotel in Dearborn. I trailered my 1941 Ford Station Wagon to the meet, arriving there Friday morning. There were several cars there already that had also been trailered. I talked to several of the other people who had come from other states and also one individual who had his car shipped from California and was going to drive it back.

The National Woodie Club consists of about 2,700 members from all parts of the country. The Woodie Club has no restrictions on car manufacturer it is as long as it is Woodie. The cars can be stock or modified, including resto-mods, hot rods, 350 Chevy in a Ford, etc.

We had reservations at Ford's Garage, a new restaurant in town. It had Ford decoration throughout the entire restaurant. A few of us got together later on in the evening.

Saturday morning we were able to drive over in front of Henry Ford's house to get a photo of our vehicles if we wished. After that we drove to nearby Ford Field Park where we had a meet with all the other members that were able to make it into town. There were a lot of people who came out to see the cars as a lot of them had never seen a Woodie. There ended up being 42 Woodies in all that showed up for this first meet that the National Woodie Club had ever had. I would say that there were maybe 8 cars that were still stock. There were some interesting vehicles there, one being a Dodge Power Wagon from Indiana. They had a 50-50 raffle, sold tickets for various items and presented 7 awards.

Saturday evening there was a board meeting and anyone who wanted to attend was welcome. I chose to go to see what the club was planning for future meets and to learn a little more about the club. It was brought up about having another meet next year in another location. I brought up the idea of having an Eastern, Central, and Western Meet as we do in our club. It would also be good to have it in a historical area.

The remainder of the evening a few of us got together to talk about cars and other things. Some of the people went to some of the Henry Ford attractions in the area for the remainder of the meet. There have been a lot of new restaurants and stores in the area as well. I am looking forward to going to our meet next year and staying at the same hotel. I chose not to visit the Ford attractions this time, but I will have more time for that at our 2018 Grand National meet.



Dodge Power Wagon



Woodies on the show field, National Woodie Meet

OCTOBER 17 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Though the night sky was clear and the temperature was warm, darkness prevented the members who came to the monthly meeting from spending a lot of time outside talking about cars. The Fall Season had arrived!

President John Emmering began the meeting at 7:44 PM. In attendance were 26 members eager and ready to hear all that's happening in the Club. There was also one visitor, Jim French. He is the owner of Lake Zurich Radiator, and was in attendance to present the Tech Talk.



The end of our contest has come and John announced the scores. In third place was the Henry Ford Group with 905 points. In second place was the Henry Ford II Group with 955 points. The top honors went to the Edsel Ford Group with 1155 points. Congratulations to all the members of the Edsel Ford Group. These members will receive free pizza at November's Pizza Meeting. Also, congratulations go out to all the other members who helped make the contest a success.

John made sure that everyone knows that our November meeting will be at Papa Passero's Pizza.

The floor was then opened for additional nominations for the Club's Officers and Directors. There were no more nominations, so there was a motion to close them made by Jeff Trilling, and a second made by Jay Hinshaw. The voting then began, and the results are as follows: President- John Emmering, Secretary- Gary Osborne, Treasurer- Joe Serritella; the Board of Directors- Ron Blum, Scott Gilday, Pat Maroney, Tom O'Donnell, and Ron Steck.

Board Meeting Report

The Board of Directors met on October 12th. Most of the discussion was concerning the elections, the member contest, and the future events. Those in attendance were: John Emmering, John Scheve, Gary Osborne, Joe Serritella, Ron Steck, Scott Gilday, and Tom O'Donnell.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we have 83 members in good standing. The annual dues are now due. A renewal form is available in this issue for those who have not renewed.

National Club News

The Grand National Meet for 2018 has 165 registrations. The contest for tires for early registration is closed with 157 members eligible. The winner will be announced at the National Meet.

Also, of note is that there have been a number of members affected by the fires in California. Several lost their homes and possessions. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella gave this report for the month: Income of \$31 for the 50-50 Raffle and \$25 for member dues. Expenses of \$45 for room rent, \$110 for the Road Chatter, and \$300 for the Norm Collins memorial brick.

Health and Welfare Report

Please keep Phyllis Madrigali in your thoughts and prayers as she has had a setback in her health.

Past Events

Ken Bounds gave a report on the Lake Geneva Tour. It was a great time that everyone had all weekend.

Gary Osborne reported that The H. I. P. Fall Colors Tour had to be cancelled due to the severe weather moving through the area on the day of the Tour.

OCTOBER 17 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**Future Events**

- The Illinois Region MARC Turkey Dinner on November 5.
- The Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on November 11.
- Christmas Brunch at Cantigny on December 10.
- Installation Banquet on January 13.

Additional Items of Interest

After all the business was taken care of we took a short break and enjoyed the homemade cookies supplied by Carolyn Bounds. Then it was time for our Tech Talk. Jim French from Lake Zurich Radiator presented a very interesting discussion on the repair of radiators. Several members asked questions that pertained specifically to the Early V-8s. Jim was very knowledgeable about these radiators.

Of course, the last event of the evening was the 50-50 Raffle. Jim Taylor was the lucky one who took home \$31.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Joe Kozmic, Glenn Lindquist, Paul Linzer, Pat Maroney, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, Russ Shmerl, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jim Taylor, Jeff Trilling, Ron Vaughan, Len Vinyard, Larry Webb, George Zulas, and visitor Jim French.

The H.I.P. Fall Colors Tour on The Illinois River Road

Well, the tour didn't go as planned! On Tuesday before the tour there were still 24 people signed up to drive. However, the weather predictions for the weekend were not looking good. By the time I went to the Board meeting on Thursday we were down to 18 people. After talking to the Board, I was still going to attempt to do the tour, maybe in a modified form. By Friday night we were down to 12 people still willing to go. I informed the restaurant about how things were looking. Saturday morning I was watching the weather news and it was not looking too good. The meteorologist was predicting high winds, heavy rain, flash flooding, and the possibility of hail all through the Starved Rock area. So, by 7:00 AM I had to finally concede and cancel the tour. I called the restaurant again and they fully understood because they also were right in the middle of a thunderstorm. On paper the tour looked great, but it was not meant to be. Maybe next year.

Corinne Beller • June 22, 1939 - October 27, 2017

Our sincere condolences to Jordon Beller on the passing of his wife Corinne on October 27. The Bellers joined the group in 1997 and have been gracious hosts to the club several times at their classic car showroom. In addition to Jordon, Corinne is survived by a daughter and a grandson.

Funeral services were private. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the national Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, PO Box 98018, Washington, DC 20090 or National Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601.





10 Years Ago This Month – November 2007

The November Road Chatter contained an article about Ken Bounds' "Dream Car," his 1936 Ford Roadster, and welcomed new members Garry & Joan Kelly. On November 10, 27 NIRG members and family enjoyed our 2nd Annual V-8s & Veterans luncheon at Sam's of Arlington, hosted by Earl Heintz. After the lunch the group toured the nearby George S. Clayson House museum in Palatine.

20 Years Ago This Month – November 1997

Ron Blum hosted a November 8 "Night at the Races" at Maywood Park. It was reported that everyone had a "swell time". A significant "first" occurred at the November 18 monthly meeting when Phyllis Witthoeft was elected as the first female NIRG President! A great tech tip from Chester Lawrence, that is still important today, was printed in the Road Chatter. It gave steps for improving the grounding of taillights and headlights.

30 Years Ago This Month – November 1987

Nominations for 1988 officers were held at the November 10 monthly meeting. Joe Novak agreed to run for Vice-President and immediately won the 50-50 raffle. Hmmm.... Kitty and Terry Friehe hosted the "Ladies Nite Out" event at Old Orchard Country Club on November 21. 15 couples were treated to a great dinner and the play "She Loves Me".

40 Years Ago This Month – November 1977

Newsletter editor Ron Dopke noted that Alan Wall arrived early for the November 8 monthly meeting. Marty Duling gave a tech talk on rebuilding early Ford steering sectors. Eighteen couples attended the "Ladies Choice Event" on November 12, dinner and "The Music Man" at Marriott Lincolnshire.

Flathead Flashback

NIRG group at the George S. Clayson House 10 years ago, November 10, 2007.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**LOU PRAZZA (11/3), JOE BAUGHN (11/7),
 TOM O'DONNELL (11/7), ESTE SCHEVE (11/7), MAUREEN ADAM (11/9),
 BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/14), MIKE FREUND (11/12),
 TERRY FREIHAGE (11/17), AND BOB MAGNUSSON (11/17)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**MAURICE & MAUREEN ADAM (11/1), JOHN & BARBARA SLOBODNIK (11/15),
 & EARL & GENE HEINTZ (11/24)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
 ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**





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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.

1953 Ford Customline Tudor. No rust, total mechanical rebuild. A real coast-to-coast driver. Rated #3. \$28,000. Contact Stan Stack at 847-382-4223.

1949 to 1950 Ford overdrive transmission \$250 or offer. Holley jet wrenches, \$8. Multiple unit discounts available. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

Rear Tube shocks for 1940 Ford, mounts and shocks, \$100. Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.

Set of four Lester blackwall tires and tubes, size-6.00-16, \$120; **five 18" wire rims** (1932), four with tires, \$30 each; **chrome front bumper 1934**, \$100. Contact Bob Miller at (847)651-7207.

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



Wanted

Oil bath air cleaner for 1951 Mercury. Contact Ken Bounds at 630-408-4006.

1932 Cabriolet parts needed-windshield inside trim. Contact Gary Osborne at 630-584-3286

1940 fuel pump stand. Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095 or 630-582-2056.

Harmon Collins distributor, whole or parts, **K.R. Wilson distributor fixture**, **K.R. Wilson wheel hub puller**, 42-48 distributor for parts. Call George Zulas at 630-460-0095, please leave a message.



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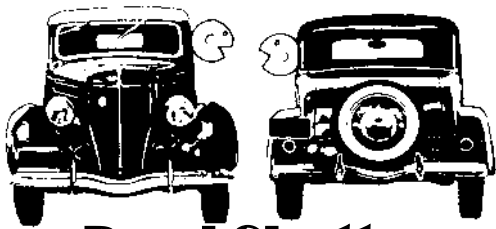


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Photo of the Month
Ron Steck's '41 Station Wagon at *Fair Lane*,
Home of Henry & Clara Ford