

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

Note special date!

June 19 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 1 Tour to Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI. See page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 11-15 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI.

June 17 50th Annual Father's Day Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 11 - 6.

June 24 41st Gears & Ears Car Show & Swap Meet, Kendall County Fairgrounds, 7 am - 2:30 pm, Admission \$25 to show/\$5 spectator.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: New member Mike Gallichio cannot watch as the Judges examine his engine compartment.



Attention Members

Remember to drive your Early V-8 to the June 19 monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking. For our tech talk, Tom O'Donnell be presenting an interesting Lincoln Motor Car promotional video.

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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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

“The Road to Dearborn” never made it to the silver screen as a road picture, but our regional group will be living it out as we point our Ford V-8’s eastward to Dearborn, Michigan for the 2018 Grand National 55th Anniversary Homecoming Meet, June 11-15. There is a little sense of urgency at this late hour as many of us prepare our Early Ford V-8’s for judging. Some members are working against the clock to complete their restoration or enhancement projects on time. I myself am trying to make some improvements I have intended to complete over the last twelve years on the old ‘51 but had put on hold until now. This year’s Grand National should be the red letter event of the year and it’s nice that we will have really good participation from our ranks.



It was wonderful to see our conference room packed for the May meeting and it was good seeing some faces we have not seen for a few months in attendance. We had a great meeting thanks to all involved including Vice President John Scheve setting up the coffee and selling 50-50 tickets, Carolyn Bounds for baking the tasty cookies, Treasurer Joe Serritella for his report of our finances and Secretary Gary Osborne for his report on the board meeting and for taking our minutes and attendance. I appreciated the instructive report on membership, judging and national club matters by Ken Bounds and the health and welfare report by Phyllis Madrigali. The other reports offered by several members on past and future events were also helpful and informative. Our tech talk by Scott Gilday was exceptionally interesting as Scott went into detail on the work he has done restoring his 1947 Ford Station Wagon. The nice weather brought out several Early Ford V-8’s and added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Let’s do it again Tuesday, June 19th with another great turnout for our monthly meeting. There will be a recap of the Grand National and reports on other previous and impending events. I will be challenging our four smaller groups to active involvement in our contest. Let’s see if we can recruit a few new members this summer and get to know each other better though some of these activities. Victory will be sweet for the group that tallies up the most points by fall

This month I’ll close with an appropriate song, “We’re off on the Road to Dearborn, This V-8 is running just fine, How we’re going, when we’re going, we really must choose, The only thing that’s certain is we won’t win a Rouge.” I’ll try to have a few more verses done by Grand National time. Have a great month of June!

Save the Date

Sunday, July 29 - Annual Picnic, Timmermann’s Ranch, Island Lake

This is one of our biggest events of the year. Plan to bring the family and your Early V-8 and celebrate the 51st Anniversary of the NIRG.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**Join Your Fellow Club Members for Our
Driving Tour to the Civil War Museum in Kenosha
Sunday July 1, 2018**

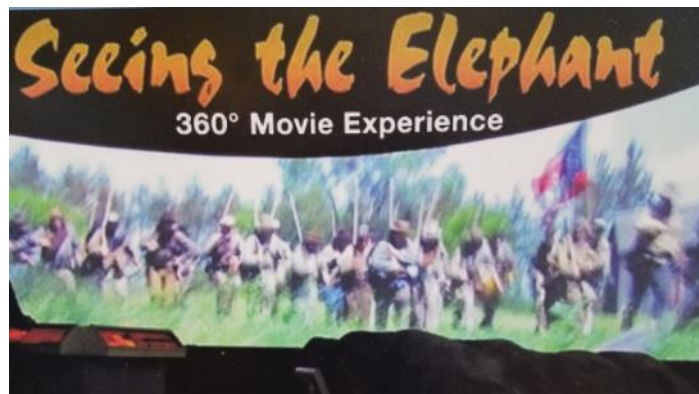
Meet: Town & Country Mall at Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads

Route: Depart at 9:00 am over secondary roads to Kenosha area - about 40 miles. Bring your Early V-8, but modern iron is always welcome.

Brunch: We have a private room for brunch at Birchwood Grill - cost \$15.99, or order off the menu.

Museum: After lunch we will drive the remaining 20 minutes to the Civil War Museum. Admission is \$10. If you prefer, you may visit the adjacent Kenosha County Museum - free admission.

What does “Seeing the Elephant” mean? You will learn the answer at the Civil War Museum through their 360° movie experience.



There will be a signup sheet at the June 19 monthly meeting.
Or, call Ron Blum at 847-650-7059 for more information or if you plan to attend.

Judging Seminar By Ken Bounds

May 5 was an incredible day. After a very late beginning to spring with cold temperatures and record rain, the weather gods were smiling down on a group of Early V-8s. Seemingly out of nowhere, we had a sunny day in the mid-80s for our judging seminar at J.T.'s Porch in Lombard. 13 NIRG members turned out to participate in the festivities. We were thrilled that our newest member, Mike Gallichio, joined us and brought his gorgeous '40 Coupe. It was nice meeting you, Mike. Also bringing Early V-8s were Tom Buscaglia – '51 Tudor, Jay Hinshaw – '40 Tudor, Frank Koeder – '39 Coupe, Tom O'Donnell – '53 Lincoln, Dan Pudelek – '50 Crestliner, and host Ken Bounds – '50 Crestliner. Arriving in modern vehicles were Pat Maroney, Gary Osborne, Jeff Trilling, John & Este Scheve, and George & Dawn Zulas.

We started the event with a delicious lunch served by our attentive server Kelly. After lunch, we went out onto the sunny patio and spent about an hour going over judging forms, judging standards, and the judging process. There was an emphasis on standard deductions, the correct point deductions, and proper documentation of the judging sheets.

After the classroom portion of the seminar, we proceeded with clipboards, pencils, and judging sheets in hand to put our skills to the test judging Ken's Crestliner and Jay's Sedan. The students took their job seriously did a very nice job judging the vehicles. We hope that everyone had a good time and that the seminar will lead to a more rewarding experience at the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. Thanks to everyone who participated and who brought vehicles.



Enjoying lunch before the lecture begins



Mike, John, Este, and Tom anticipate lunch



Mike Gallichio's 1940 Ford Coupe



Jay Hinshaw's 1940 Tudor and Ken Bounds' 1950 Crestliner ready for the judges

GRAND NATIONAL MEET UPDATE

What is left to say? Get your motors running? By the time you read this, some of us will already be packing for the trip to Dearborn.

The Board of Directors has planned a fun meet for the over 600 people attending. There will be interesting tours, informative seminars, and a unique picnic day at world-famous Greenfield Village, along with the standard events including the welcome party, Concourse Day, the Ladies Luncheon, the Awards Banquet, and much more.

We do have one important update on a seminar change. Due to illness, Jim Linder of Bubba's Speed Shop will not be able to attend the meet. He had planned to give a seminar on Early Ford V-8 distributors. We are very fortunate that Charlie Schwendler has stepped up and agreed to present a seminar in that timeslot on one of his specialties, carburetors. He will be concentrating on the 94 series of carbs used on so many of our V-8's. If there is any time left, Charlie may spend a few minutes on fuel pumps. Charlie is well respected in V-8 circles for his skills and customer service and is a great addition to our seminars.

While you are in Dearborn, take advantage of the opportunity to visit area museums and attractions. Even if you have not signed up for the private Piquette Avenue Ford Plant tour or the after-hours Rouge tour, these venues are open to you most days. (The Piquette Plant is closed Tuesday for our private tour).

Also consider visiting the spectacular Edsel & Eleanor Ford home in Grosse Pointe Shores and the grounds of Fair Lane, the home of Henry & Clara Ford just one mile from the hotel. Although the Fair Lane house itself is closed for renovation, the grounds are open to visitors - no charge. Finally, don't forget the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation - this is a "must see" museum just a five-minute drive from the hotel.

Looking for a place to eat in Dearborn? You must plan for at least one meal at Ford's Garage, on Michigan Ave about a mile from the meet hotel. It is very busy - plan accordingly.

Drive safely - we will see you in Dearborn!



Klairmont Collections Tour By Ken Bounds

Over the years, Larry Klairmont has amassed a collection of over 300 rare and unique vehicles. They are packed into over 100,000 square feet of display space in a building on the Northwest side of Chicago. The display settings include a replica of a Packard dealership, the legendary Route 66 Cucamonga gas station, a '50s drive in theatre, and much more.

The Log Riders chapter of the National Woodie Club graciously extended an invitation to the NIRG to join them for their "Spring Dustoff" tour to the Kollection. There would be no dust on that day – it was unseasonably cold, blustery, and rainy outside. Inside, though, the museum was warm and inviting.

Our group included Ron Blum with friends Glenn Johnson and Peter Kaufman, Ken Bounds, Ron Dopke, Scott, Nicole and Ciena Gilday, John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Pat Maroney, and Ron Steck and friend Larry Hunkele.

Our greeter at the Kollection gave us a rundown of what to expect inside and a description of the displays on two fabulous floors. Then we were off on our own to discover some incredible, many one-of-a-kind vehicles from the past 100 years along with detailed displays to show them off. In one room there is a delightful video of Larry detailing his interesting life, his service to our Country in the Marines during World War II, his career, and the story of how his collection came about.

Our tour included a lunch break where we were treated to delicious Italian beef sandwiches, turkey sandwiches and variety of salads.

After lunch there was more time to wander through more rooms filled with vehicles and memories.



Scott, Nicole, and Ciena Gilday pose in front of a unique Corvette Station Wagon. Scott is also Chapter President of the Log Riders Chapter.



Ron S chats with an old friend



1937 Rolls Royce Phantom III Aero Coupe

Our thanks to Larry Klairmont and his staff, as well as to the Log Riders for inviting us on this fun tour.

A Few More Photos - How Do You Pick From Over 300 Cars?



Unique Pierce Arrow tow truck



Cucamonga service station replica



Can't tell if I am coming or going



1931 Ford Model A Roadster



Lots more than cars on display



Edsel at the Drive In

In Memory of Don Braun December 26, 1935 – May 11, 2018

Last month we said goodbye to a dear friend, 45-year club member Don Braun. Don suffered many years from the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease. Several V-8 Club members saw Don off in style by driving their Early V-8s in Don's funeral procession on a beautiful spring day after a lovely remembrance service. Don is survived by his wife Elaine; just one week before his passing they had hit the milestone of 61 years of marriage. He is also survived by one brother, one sister, three children, and nine grandchildren. Our deepest condolences go out to Elaine and the family. Please keep them and Don in your thoughts and prayers.

Everyone has their own memories of Don as a husband, a father, a grandfather, a sibling, a co-worker, or a boss. We have our connection with Don and Elaine through the Early V-8 Club, so we will take a look back at 50 years from that perspective.

In 1968, Don bought a 1941 Lincoln Zephyr Club Coupe. One is never enough, so in December 1969, Don bought an old well-used pickup for \$100. It was a 1940 Ford. While he was working on the truck in 1972, he met Jack Groot at a car show where Jack was giving out applications to join the V-8 club. Don went to his first meeting at Joe Madden Ford where Chester Lawrence worked and, after going to a couple of meetings, joined the club in October. President Len O'Connor appointed Don to help with some of the tours. Their first big club tour was to the inaugural Grand National Meet in Dearborn in June 1973. Don and Elaine drove the Pickup to Dearborn; to this day, we don't like to admit what was under the hood.

Over the years Don restored the Lincoln and the Pickup and bought a 1940 Tudor Deluxe Sedan from club member George Anderton. He later used the Tudor as a partial trade for his 1936 5 Window Coupe, the car most of us associate with Don. Don had been after the '36 for some time and was finally able to buy it in 1987. Don and Elaine drove the '36 to many National Meets where it was always popular in the Touring A Division. There are many stories we could tell about the fun times we had going to those meets.



Don at the 2003 Grand National Meet



Don's '40 Pickup - August 1970



Don in his Zephyr

In the earliest years of the Northern Illinois Regional Group, one of the staples was the annual picnic hosted by Jack and Jackie Groot at their farm in St Charles. Don and Elaine got in the picnic business as well, hosting a picnic at the Pheasant Valley Hunt Club in Kenosha in May 1975. After the untimely passing of Jack Groot in May of 1981, the Brauns hosted the club picnic many times at their lovely home in Prairie View. We always had a great time with great food, a fun auction, fellowship with many club members and families, and a fleet of Early V-8s parked on their ample lawn. In more recent years, as Don's health began to fail, he imposed on his dear friends Art & Carol Timmermann to hold the annual picnic at their ranch in Island Lake.



Don with his 1936 Coupe at the 2003 Grand National Meet

Don, we will miss you and we thank you for the memories and all you did for our club.



Don mans the corn roaster at the 2003 club picnic



Don with his trophy - 2007 Central National Meet



**Don and Elaine at the 2005 Christmas Brunch
Photo by Tom O'Donnell**



Elaine and Don at the 2006 Eastern National Meet awards banquet in Batavia, New York

MAY 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

The evening for our member's meeting turned out to be a very nice night for the V-8's to be driven. There were quite a few that evening and of course that meant that there would be a lot of "tire kicking" and talking going on. We had a late start, but sometimes that's OK.

President John Emmering called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. He welcomed all the members and one guest. Roger Obecný's guest was Mason Maynard who came to spend an evening with our club. There were 30 members in attendance.



John gave out the scores for our Competition which are as follows: Northern Lights - 60, DuPage Deuces - 70, Fox Valley Flatheads - 75, and in the lead is the Northwest Wheels with 150 points. The competition is beginning to pick up steam as the driving season begins to get better.

Board Meeting Report

There was a lot of discussion about all the upcoming events, the Tech Talks, and some future events in the Fall. Those in attendance were: John Scheve, Gary Osborne, Ken Bounds, Ron Steck, Ron Blum, Pat Maroney, Scott Gilday, and Tom O'Donnell.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that there are 79 members in the club. Please welcome new members Mike and Phyllis Gallichio who have recently joined. Also, John Emmering made up and handed out some "membership packets" to each group leader to pass out to anyone interested in the club.

National Club News

Ken reported that all is going well for the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. However, one note of concern is that Carolyn could use more help in staffing Registration. If you are going and can help, please call Ken or Carolyn.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella reported that there was \$63 in revenue from the 50-50 raffle and membership dues, and there was \$143.59 in expense for the meeting room and the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

Phyllis Madrigali reported that long time member Don Braun has passed away, Frank Madrigali has injured his back, and Joe Serritella will be having knee surgery in August. Please keep the Braun family, and Frank and Joe in your thoughts and prayers as they go through these situations.

Past Events

Ron Steck reported on the Eggs and Eights held on April 22. There were 22 people in attendance and all had a great time.

Ken Bounds reported on the Judging Seminar that he conducted on May 5. There were 13 people in attendance and several cars to judge. All who were there had a great time and learned a lot about the judging process.

MAY 15 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Future Events

- May 20 - Klairmont Kollections, Chicago
- June 11-15 - Grand National Meet in Dearborn, Michigan
- July 1- Civil War Museum, Kenosha
- July 29- Annual NIRG Picnic at Timmerman's Ranch, Island Lake

Additional Items of Interest

There was a short break to enjoy homemade V-8 cookies from Carolyn Bounds (I think we may have to go to a lottery system for eating these special cookies because if you don't grab one early you miss out, as I found out from personal experience).

During the break is the time that we can take newsletters from other clubs that Ken brings in for us to enjoy. This evening Paul Lunecki also brought in Ford hats that the members could have. Thanks, Paul.

Scott Gilday gave a wonderful presentation about his 1947 Woody. It's truly an amazing restoration story when one looks at the before and after photos.

Before we adjourned at 9:30 PM we had the 50-50 Raffle. Joe Novak was the lucky winner with \$38 more in his wallet.

Attendance

Maurice Adam, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Terry Freihage, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Jensen, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Paul Levine, Paul Lunecki, Paul Linzer, Frank Madrigali, Phyllis Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Ray McMahan, Joe Novak, Roger Obecny, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, Stan Stack, Ron Steck, Jeff Trilling, Len Vinyard, George Zulas, and guest Mason Maynard.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

Around our house, it is pretty much Grand National Meet all the time. With Carolyn working on registration and Ken working on judging, our phones and printers are about to melt down. More than a year of planning is about over; the real fun begins in just over a week.

Well wishes to all who are attending and thanks to those who have volunteered to assist at the meet. We are sure that Scott Gilday is burning the midnight oil to get his Station Wagon finished - congrats to him. We are also happy that Jeff Trilling has a new engine in his Pickup and is ready to go. John Scheve says his '47 is almost back together and should be ready next week. Good luck to John Emmering and Pat Maroney as they subject their vehicles to the judges eyes for the first time.

Please drive safely to the meet; we will be ready for you at registration at 5 pm Sunday. Check out the meet Information Package and the Update on page 5 of this issue for some things to do in Dearborn. Also, as we always say, these meets are addictive. Be sure to sign up for the 2019 Central National Meet in Auburn. We'll have forms for you! See you in Dearborn.



Ken & Carolyn



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May 26, 2018

Summary of May 19, 2018 Phone Conference Board Meeting

The second quarter national board meeting was held Saturday May 19th via conference call with all board members present. Minutes of the February face to face meeting were approved.

Grand National Meet: All points on the compass point to the upcoming Grand National meet in Dearborn June 11 - 15th. It was reported that there are currently 319 meet registrations, 197 cars entered with 87 judged cars to be on the concourse. Attendees are registered from 39 states, 3 Canadian Provinces, Australia, New Zealand and Sweden. Early Ford V-8 rooms are sold out as is the Rouge Factory tour June 14th. Due to the cancellation of the Village Industries tour a new tour of the Ford Piquette Avenue plant has been added for meet attendees only. For further information you can visit the Early Ford V-8 website, it is not to late to attend.

Early Ford V-8 Foundation: Construction of museum is 70% completed and 85% funded towards the total cost of construction. A **"Sneek Peek"** open house is planned for Sunday, June 10th with lunch served from 11 a.m. To 2:30 p.m. For those traveling to the Grand National meet. A free will donation with be accepted. Hosted by the Blue Ovals RG#169.

National Drive your V-8 Day: June 16th is our national drive your V-8 day. If you can't attend the GNM, get together for an outing and drive you V-8.

Membership Status: Membership at the end of 2017 stood at 8,007 members and at the end of March 31, 2018 is at 8,135. While membership has been on a downward trend it is steady at the present.

V-8 Club books and Accessories: We have a good supply of Early Ford books and supplies on hand. The best way to learn about your V-8 is to purchase a book on your car. Check out our Club accessories in the V-8 Times. A new flash drive for back issues of the V-8 Times is in development. Further information will be coming soon.

Advertising & Marketing: The club is looking to increase its presence on social media sites, especially the facebook site to increase our visibility and access to the general public. A committee has been formed to put this into action.

National Meets:

2018: Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI June 11-15th

2019: Eastern – still open.

Central, Auburn, IN, August 24 - 27th, Sponsored by Ohio RG#141

Western – still open.

2020: Eastern - open

Central – open

Western – bid received and approved from Hi-Country RG#28 for meet in Alamosa, CO with tentative date of Monday, September 21 to Thursday September 24, 2020.

National Driving Tours:

2018:

Pennsylvania Dutch Tour, May 21- 25th, Sponsored by Hawk Mountain RG#57 has just been completed.

Welcome to Montana Driving Tour, August 26-31, Sponsored by Big Sky RG#153

Southern New Mexico Driving Tour, October 5-9, Sponsored by Tumberweed RG#79.

2019: Looking for tours.

Insurance Program Update: Regional Groups should look for their insurance invoices coming out in July for their RG liability insurance. **Make sure you have it paid by the due date of November 1, 2018.** If it is not paid by that date then your insurance will not be available.

Note to Regional Groups: Club bylaws require Regional Groups to send of copy of their 2018 Membership Roster to their Director Representative by June 1, 2018.

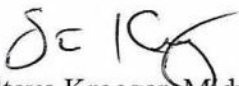
Website Contest Winners: Congratulations to Ken Bounds, webmaster, and Northern Illinois RG#8 for their 3rd Place award. My understanding is that the top 3 were all very close.

V-8 Times: While the March/April issue was delayed due to publishing issues, the May/June issue is expected to be on time and you should receive it any time now.

European Representative: I have taken over responsibility as our European representative on the national board. I welcome the opportunity to work with Ola Hegseth, of Norway and extend a big Hallo to Ola from all of us here in the Midwest and the national club.

Final Comments: I hope to see many of you in Dearborn next month and look forward to an outstanding meet. I wish everyone a great V-8 year and success with all your activities with your regional groups.

Sincerely,



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TELL IT TO THE JUDGE

By Ken Bounds, National Chief Judge

Working with Early Ford V-8 Club members who are registering for a National Meet one of the most common comments we get is along the lines of “I don’t have a car that I want judged, so should I even bring one.” Or, “I don’t want my car judged - is there a place for me?”

But of course! In this, our final column before the Grand National Meet, I want to talk about the non-judged Divisions and Classes that are present at every National Meet: Touring Division, Touring A (Accessories) Division, and Display Class. The two Touring Divisions are not point judged. Vehicles entered in these Divisions are subject of a popular vote of meet attendees - every meet registration receives one Touring ballot and one Touring A ballot. Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in 15 classes based on year and type of vehicle. Display Class is intended for vehicles that do not qualify to be entered in any of the judged or Touring Divisions. Display Class vehicles are shown in their own area and are not mixed in with the other Divisions. It is up to the hosting organization whether trophies are awarded in Display Class and the method of selecting winners.

Keeping in mind that the general purpose of the Early Ford V-8 Club is to preserve and authentically maintain vehicles manufactured by the Ford Motor Company for the model years 1932-1953, Touring Division vehicles are primarily stock vehicles. They may have some modifications or are in a condition that could prevent them from earning the highest awards in a point judged Division. Touring A vehicles are allowed to have slightly more modifications than those in the Touring Division, but are still rather stock. The big question is: What’s the difference?

Here I will detail some of the similarities as well as the differences; be aware, however, that at the Operational Check, all vehicles in the Touring Divisions will be examined, including under the hood, to verify that they meet the requirements for their chosen Division.

Similarities - Touring and Touring A Division Requirements: Stock body as it came from the factory with full fenders, hoods, sides, etc., and a pre-1954 paint scheme - no flames, scallops, etc. All vehicles shall be powered by a Ford flathead engine produced in the design manufactured from 1932 - 1953. This engine can be a 4, 6, V-8, or V-12 cylinder engine. 1952 and 1953 Lincolns and 1952 and 1953 six-cylinder Fords may have overhead valve engines as originally equipped. The suspension and drive train shall be Ford Motor Company of the type originally installed in the vehicle. All 1932 through 1948 vehicles must have transverse springs, front and rear, solid front axles, with a torque tube to the rear axle. Allowable updates include dual exhausts, seat belts, turn signals, electric fuel pumps, hydraulic brakes, twelve volt systems, radial tires and added gauges.

Differences - Touring Division Requirements: Dash and instruments will be stock. Engine heads and intake must be stock Ford. Alternators and dropped front axles are not acceptable. Wheels must be stock or factory accessory wheels. Any added options must be Ford factory options for 1932-53.

Touring A Division: After-market instruments, heads and intake manifolds, alternators, and dropped front axles are acceptable. Wheels may be stock or “era” accessory. Any added options will be of the 1932-1953 era.

I hope this brief discussion answers any questions about the Touring and Touring A Divisions, and answers any questions about whether you should bring your Early V-8 to a National Meet. We want you to bring your vehicles that meet the spirit of the mission of the Early Ford V-8 Club - even if you don’t want your vehicle judged. The whole point is to have fun and see some great vehicles.

Here is one more interesting point. About 40% of the members attending a National Meet don’t bring an Early V-8. We encourage you to bring one if you have one, but if you don’t, we welcome you just the same. I hope to see you in Dearborn.





10 Years Ago This Month – June 2008

Lloyd and Gladys Duzell hosted 33 members and guests driving 14 Early V-8s and several other classics on an “old-fashioned” garage tour. It started with Lloyd’s garage and continued to the collections of Jack Bowser and Jim & Gail Manz. At the June 17 monthly meeting, representatives from Turtle Wax company made a presentation about Marvel Mystery Oil and the benefits it can have for our flathead engines. They passed out plenty of samples.

20 Years Ago This Month – June 1998

On June 14 Ron & Arlene Blum hosted a tour to see Bob Merrifield’s classic car collection. Bob was not present because he was injured when the Rolls he was driving was hit head on the day before the tour. The June 16 meeting was held at Blastaway Technologies in Bensenville.

30 Years Ago This Month – June 1988

Cliff Dixon hosted the June 14 meeting at DoAll in Des Plaines where three Ford videos were shown. Chester Lawrence provided a detailed tech article on cooling the flathead V-8 in the June Road Chatter. Eight couples attended an overnight tour June 11-12 to Oshkosh, WI, hosted by Marty & Leah Duling and had their V-8’s photographed with a Ford Tri-Motor aircraft. 24 members and guests showed their V-8’s at a show June 18 at the Springbrook mall. Dick Alfini was one of the guests.

40 Years Ago This Month – June 1978

Diane Wrobel took over as newsletter editor after Ron Dopke’s resignation. The June 13 meeting featured a sandblasting demonstration at Sinclair Abrasives. On June 15, the Duling and Wrobel families drove to Dearborn for a celebration of Ford’s 75th anniversary. Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a “Back to Nature” tour June 25 at Moraine Hills State Park. Several hearty V-8ers braved a stormy day, but had a memorable time.

Flathead Flashback

Joe Kozmic’s 1937 Ford Coupe in front of 1929 Ford Tri-Motor at Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh, June 12, 1988. Photo from Marty Duling collection.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
5 Judging Seminar, Lombard 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 20 Klairmont Collection Tour, Chicago	7 Board Meeting 11-15 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, Michigan 19 Member Meeting	1 Tour to Civil War Museum, Kenosha 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 29 Annual Picnic, Timmermann's Ranch, Island Lake	9 Board Meeting 12 Friendly Ford Show, Roselle 21 Member Meeting
September	October	November	December
13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28-30 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	8 Board Meeting 10 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 20 Member Meeting	No Meetings



Happy Father's Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**GAIL LEICHT (6/1), THOMAS MYERS (6/4), JOHN SLOBODNIK (6/4),
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RON STECK (6/10), MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/19), SAM BARONE (6/27),
SAM DIX (6/28), JOHN KRENGER (6/29), ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)
& JANET LEVINE (6/30)**

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PAUL & JANET LEVINE (6/22), THOMAS & FLORENCE PINN (6/22),
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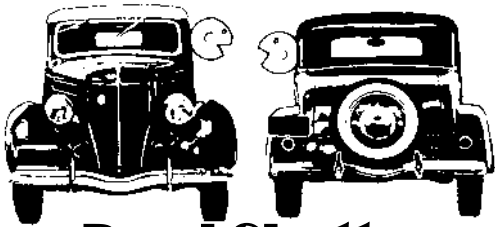
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