

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**April 14** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**April 19** Pizza Meeting, Papa Passero's, Westmont, 6:30 pm. See Page 3 for details.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**April 17** Happy Easter!

**April 22** Strat's Diner Car Show, North Ave, Villa Park 10 - 3. Donation for admission.

**April 22-24** 45th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Admission \$10.

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**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month: NIRG Members enjoying Eggs & Eights in Geneva.



## \*\*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 April 19 – see Page 3 for details.

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Gary Osborne**Newsletter**

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

**Board of Directors**Scott Gilday  
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Pat Maroney  
Tom O'Donnell  
Este Scheve**MEETINGS**7:30 pm on the third  
Tuesday of the month at  
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provided the Road Chatter  
is credited as the source.**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Just a reminder - our pizza meeting is the 19th of this month. I'm hoping many of you are able to attend.

I also want to let you know that we will be getting together with the Northern Ohio group for a joint tour to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners. There will also be a Lincoln Club meet there that weekend. We have hotel rooms available in Kalamazoo for August 12, 13, and 14 for members who plan to participate.

The weather is starting to get warmer so hopefully some of you will be able to get your cars out soon. I am getting ready to get mine out soon. Hope everyone is doing well. Thanks.

**FROM THE EDITORS****Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

With the pandemic (hopefully) behind us, club activities are shifting into high gear. We want to highlight some of these events so you can be sure to mark your calendars and save the dates.

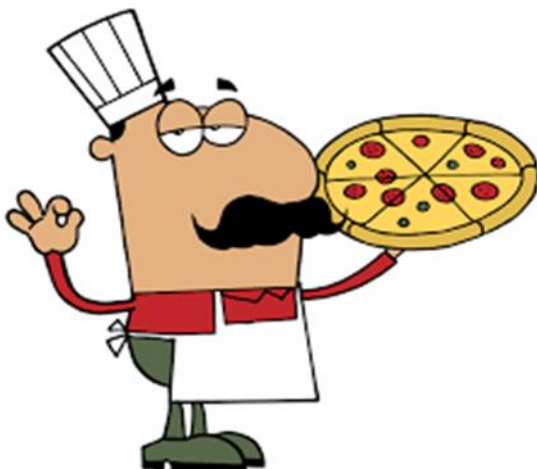
Each month you can refer to page 1 and usually page 3 for the month's events. Also remember to check the calendar on page 9 and look for details in the minutes. We try to run an ad with full details in the issue of the month when the event occurs. Remember that you can always find a complete list of upcoming activities on our group website, [www.nirgv8.org](http://www.nirgv8.org).

**May 14** - Driving tour to historic Rosehill Cemetery.**June 1-5** - Eastern National Meet, Franklin, Tennessee.**June 18** - National Drive Your Early V-8 Day - tour to Yockeyville, club member Randy Yockey's museum in Campton Hills.**July 30** - A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Race Course.

**August 12-14** - We are reviving the Joint Tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group. There was a lot of interest shown at the March meeting. Many more details will be coming soon, but you can make your hotel reservation now at the Fairfield Inn Kalamazoo West at 269-353-6400. We have a block of rooms at a rate of \$129 plus tax. Let Ron know if you plan to attend.

**August 23-28** - Wisconsin Transportation National Driving Tour. You can download the [registration form](#) and the complete itinerary on the national website under Upcoming Events or on our group website.

*Ken & Carolyn*

**UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS****40th Annual PIZZA MEETING****APRIL 19, 2022****Papa Passero's****6326 S. Cass Avenue****Westmont****Parking lot on the south side of the building****All you can eat pizza and all you can drink  
regular and diet pop****\$15 per person****Cash bar will also be available****Plan to arrive around 6:30****Pizza served at 7:00**



## Eggs & Eights Breakfast By Ken Bounds

Fifteen years ago, Tom Buscaglia suggested that we revive an event that had enjoyed some modest success a number of years earlier – the Eggs & Eights breakfast. He and Judy hosted the popular event at the Egg Harbor Café in Geneva in April 2007 and for many years thereafter. Now with the pandemic hopefully behind us, Ken & Carolyn Bounds again revived the event and welcomed NIRG members to the Egg Harbor Café on March 26.

Unfortunately, the weather was nowhere nearly as nice as the 71-degree day we enjoyed in 2007. The blustery near-freezing temperatures kept all the Early V-8s safely in their garages. Nevertheless, 17 hearty souls gathered for a pleasant morning of good food, good service, and plenty of visiting and reminiscing. It was a real treat for us to welcome Lin and Pat Stacey who we have not seen in a while.

Having the event on a Saturday instead of a typically packed Sunday gave us a little extra time for V-8 camaraderie. After a few hours, everyone bundled up, turned up their collars, and made their way home. At least there was no snow!

Attending were Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Scott Gilday, Pat & Dee Maroney, Joey & Millie Novak, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, John Slobodnik & John Jr., and Lin & Pat Stacey.



Pat & Lin Stacey



Pat & Dee Maroney



Scott Gilday



Joey & Millie Novak



Tom Buscaglia & Dan Pudelek



Ken & Carolyn Bounds



Este & John Scheve



Gary & Dawn Osborne



John Jr & John Slobodnik

## MARCH 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

President Ron Steck gaveled the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. The meeting started 30 minutes late to allow members to attend the memorial service for Earl Heintz.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership now stands at 68 members and that all but four have paid their dues. Ken asked if everyone had received their rosters - none reported that they had not.

Ken updated the group on the status of the 2022 Eastern and Western National Meets. He advised that rooms are selling out for the early days of the Eastern meet in Tennessee. He added that forms are available on the website for the Eastern meet and that Cornerstone is handling online reservation for the Western meet.



Treasurer Ron Blum reported the details of the past month's income and expenses; the club treasury is in good shape.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present; we were told that she is currently in a rehab facility - our best wishes go out to Phyllis. Ken Bounds reported on the memorial service for Earl Heintz that several members had just attended. He repeated some of the highlights of the service for those who had not attended. (Please see more details on Page 8).

### Past Events:

- Ron reported on the getaway weekend to Starved Rock. Four couples attended and had a great time - there was a report in the Road Chatter.

### Upcoming Events:

- Ken passed around a sign-up sheet and discussed the Eggs & Eights breakfast scheduled for March 26 at Egg Harbor in Geneva.
- Este Scheve discussed and passed around a sign-up sheet for the annual Pizza Meeting to be held April 19 at Papa Passerello's in Westmont. The cost is \$15 per person for all-you-can-eat pizza and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available.
- Pat Maroney discussed and passed around a sign-up sheet for the driving tour to Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago on May 14. (Noticing a pattern here...)
- Gary Osborne reported that the June 18 Drive Your V-8 Day will be a driving tour from Yockey Ford in Roselle to Yockeyville, our member Randy Yockey's museum in Campton Hills. More details coming.
- Jay Hinshaw reported that he has learned that the "Drive the Dixie Highway" event has been permanently cancelled due to a reduction in interest.
- Ron Blum has revived the "Night at the Races" event on July 30 at Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney. The cost of about \$22 includes parking, admission, buffet, and a racing program.
- Ron Steck gauged interest in a Joint Tour with NORG to Gilmore. Many more details coming.

After the business meeting, Ken Bounds presented a short tech talk on improving instrument panel lights on 1949-1950 Fords. See March Road Chatter Tech Talk on this subject.

No 50-50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ron Dopke, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge, Frank Koeder, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Joe Novak, Dan Pudelek, Gary Osborne, Este & John Scheve, John Slobodnik, John Slobodnik Jr., Stan Stack, Ron Steck, and Larry Webb.





## TECH CORNER

**Breaking News - Ford Motor Company Discovers Long-Lost Vehicle Build Records!**

How many of us have had the dream to be able to research details of our vehicle as it was built based on the serial number? For collectors of many classic car marques, this information has always been available to them. But, sadly, not for our Early Ford V-8 vehicles. **Until now!** Read on.

Records of this type were long ago declared lost by the Ford Motor Company; many believe in the infamous Rotunda fire in November 1962. But nearly six decades later, the story takes an interesting turn. With the Benson Ford Research Center being virtually shuttered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, workers there decided to use down time to do some cleaning and rearranging. Much to their surprise, in a long-forgotten store room, the workers found a large group of uncatalogued boxes simply marked "From the Rotunda." These boxes went ignored for several more months until the workers recently decided to investigate the contents. What they found were trays and trays of microfiche records. Now to find a working microfiche reader. But when they did, the BFRC employees could not believe their own eyes! They were looking at the long-believed-lost build records!

These records were like finding the golden fleece - the Rosetta Stone for Early Ford V-8 collectors and restorers. The build records for each "flathead era" serial number are said to include:

- the model year, make, assembly plant, and date of assembly
- the body style and body manufacturer if other than Ford
- the exterior colors, wheel colors, and interior fabrics (color and type)
- the installed engine type and horsepower
- a description of installed accessories
- in some cases, the destination dealership and in rare cases, the name and address of the original purchaser!

These records will be a gold mine for Early Ford V-8 restorers. Unfortunately the BFRC and Ford are going to make the records available for one day only - today, April 1. Then they will be destroyed because of lack of storage space.

(Sorry - April 1 - this just seems too cruel).



The Ford Rotunda - November 9, 1962



### 10 Years Ago This Month – April 2012

A crowd of 49 V-8 members and family turned out for the ever-popular Night at the Races event, hosted by Ron & Arlene Blum April 20 at Maywood Park Racetrack. The April 17 monthly meeting was “memorabilia night” with several members displaying and explaining collections they had gathered over the years.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – April 2002

The April 16 Pizza Meeting at John’s Pizza in Addison, hosted by Bob & Angie Paladino, was attended by 37 members and spouses. The April Road Chatter contained a photo of long-distance member Norm Miller posing with Marilyn Monroe. We suspect that one of the two in the photo may have been a cutout.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – April 1992

Sixty-two members and guests attended the Annual Pizza Meeting at John’s Pizza April 21. On a cold April 26 morning, over 25 NIRG volunteers manned Checkpoint One in the March of Dimes Walk (Drive) America event. Although we had committed to raising \$500 in donations, our NIRG turned over almost \$2,600 to the March of Dimes. Sixteen Early V-8s and two other classics were displayed. Our write-up even appeared in the V-8 Times.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – April 1982

A crowd of 69 attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pizza Meeting April 13. New member Barry Jacksier (who was the original Chairman of the 1986 Central National Meet) was welcomed. Seventeen members and family participated in an April 25 Tour in Time in Rockford, hosted by Chuck & Diane Wrobel. The tour included stops at the Time Museum at the Clock Tower Inn and the Rockford Museum-Midway Village.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – April 1972

The March newsletter welcomed new member George Cech, along with his ’36 Phaeton. The newsletter published its second story about a member’s car, Bob Blackmore’s ’41 Convertible (41-48 Fords had just been accepted into the V-8 Club). Plans were being made for a large Club turnout at the May AACA Grayslake meet.

### Flathead Flashback

**Our group at the March of Dimes event April 1992. Photo from Marty Duling collection.**



## In Memoriam – Earl Heintz

### By Ken Bounds

We were all surprised and saddened by the sudden passing of Life Member Earl Heintz on March 13. Many NIRG members attended a celebration of Earl's life on March 15; I was honored to speak for the Club at the ceremony.

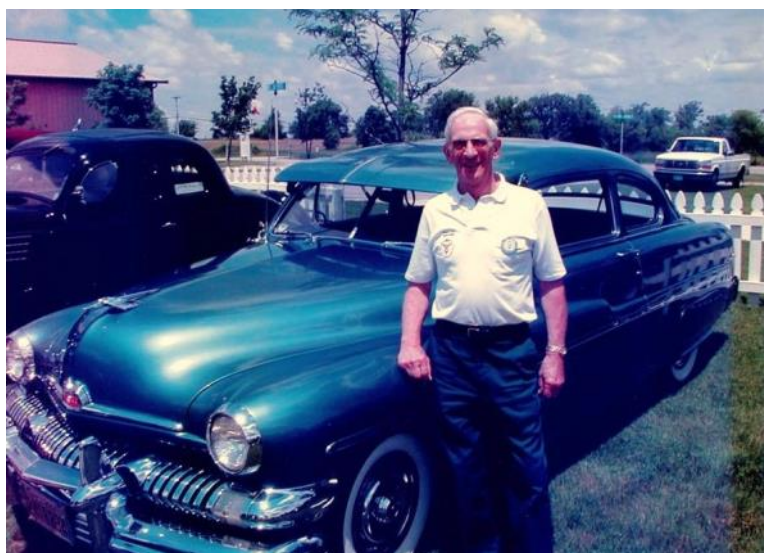
Earl was a well-respected and valued member of our group. He and his wife Gene joined the club in 1974 and were very active right from the start. Over the years they participated in countless group events and attended several National Meets. Earl served as our Vice President in 1979 and for 16 years as club Treasurer – first from 1983-1993 and again from 2000-2004. One of Earl's most lasting contributions to the club occurred in 1982 when we were in search of a new location to hold our meetings. Earl identified the ideal place – The Wheeling Township Service Center – where we still hold monthly meetings to this day nearly 39 years later.

Earl owned a business called Arlington Tile. His company installed tile in commercial buildings such as shopping centers and downtown high rises. One story that I enjoy and shared at the remembrance is about the original ceramic tile floors at Stratford Mall shopping center in Bloomingdale. Most people didn't ever notice, but if you stood on the second floor, near the elevator, and looked down at the first floor, you could make out Earl and his partner's initials cleverly hidden in the design.

There are many stories of Earl and Gene's participation in tours, such as the infamous accident involving their 1951 Mercury during a driving tour to the Quad Cities in 1982. But the event that most of us "old timers" remember best was our annual tour to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally. Earl and Gene were terrific hosts many years at their cottage on Lake Como. Sometimes we went out to dinner, but always after a gathering with cocktails and hors d'oeuvre at the cottage. More often they rolled out a dinner spread that could feed an army. We will always cherish those times.

A final story that I wanted to share showed to me just what kind of a man Earl was. In late fall 2012 he called and told me that he was ready to sell his beloved 1951 Mercury. I told Earl that we were definitely interested and wanted to go to his home and see the car. Earl said "No. The weather is starting to get bad and it is not leaving the garage until Spring. I'm not going to let you buy the car without a test drive, so this will have to wait." When spring finally arrived, Carolyn and I went, took a test drive, and offered to pay for the car on the spot. Earl asked "You mean you want to take it today? I haven't even had a chance to take it for its annual oil change and grease job." That was Earl.

Earl said they always called the car their anniversary car since they were married in 1951. We just call her Genevieve.





## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>January</b> 13 Board Meeting 15 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights 18 Member Meeting	<b>February</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 18-20 Starved Rock Weekend Getaway	<b>March</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Eggs & Eights, Geneva	<b>April</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting, Papa Passero's Westmont
<b>May</b> 12 Board Meeting 14 Rosehill Cemetery Tour 17 Member Meeting	<b>June</b> 1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN 18 National Drive your V-8 Day - Tour to Yockeyville 21 Member Meeting	<b>July</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park	<b>August</b> 11 Board Meeting 12 - 14 Joint Tour with NORG to Gilmore 16 Member Meeting 23-28 National Driving Tour, Wisconsin
<b>September</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 15 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings

# Happy Easter and Passover

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**DEE MARONEY (4/2), TOM BRECHEISEN (4/7), JUDY MYERS (4/7),**  
**RON VAUGHAN (4/23), XIAOYIN BRECHEISEN (4/7),**  
**ROBIN EMMERING (4/28), & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20),**  
**JIM & HARRIET TAYLOR (4/23), KIM & BENNY TAYLOR (4/25),**  
**JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25), TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28),**  
**JORDON & JUDY BELLER (4/30), & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)**



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



## Vehicles for Sale

Denise Barone Creighton has continued her late dad's membership in the V-8 Club and our RG. She has decided to sell Sam's '46 Ford and '48 Plymouth - see below, along with many additional parts. **Contact Denise at 773-848-1006 or [dcreighton1014@yahoo.com](mailto:dcreighton1014@yahoo.com).** You may also contact the editor for more photos and a detailed description of the vehicles and parts.



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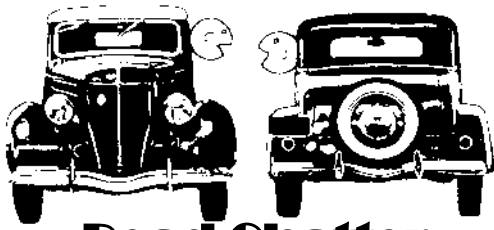
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**NIRG Members Enjoying Eggs & Eights Breakfast**