

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**August 11** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**August 12-14** Joint tour with Northern Ohio RG to Gilmore. See page 3.

**August 13** Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Day, Roselle. See Page 3.

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



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**August 7** 31st Annual Mustang and Ford show, Perry Farm Park, Bourbonnais. 8am -3pm. \$20 to show, spectators free.

**August 11** 14th Annual car show to benefit veterans, downtown Willow Springs, 4 pm to 9 pm. \$20 donation.

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## Attention Members

Be sure to attend the monthly member meeting Tuesday, August 16.

Bring your Early V-8 early (by 7:00) and do some tire kicking.

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

I hope this finds everyone doing well. We have had a couple of members who have had medical issues in the last few weeks. I hope they're recovering from these at this time. We had our picnic last Sunday on 24 July. It was disappointing to see only eight members show up for it. I know the weather was probably a factor for many of you but by 10 o'clock that morning it had stopped raining. We had rented 40 chairs and 10 tables for the picnic and only used two tables to set up some food and the anniversary cake.



Ron Blum had his event at the race track last Saturday night. He put together a nice evening and I hope you were able to attend.

We had our July meeting and did some tire kicking prior to the meeting. There were some questions that came up about different car problems. Ken also had a slideshow of the central meet and the western meet of different cars that had won awards.

Hope to see you at the August meeting.

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

First, we want to apologize for this issue being a little late. We intentionally held it up to get in a report on the Night at the Races event. But then things just seemed to take some time to get together.

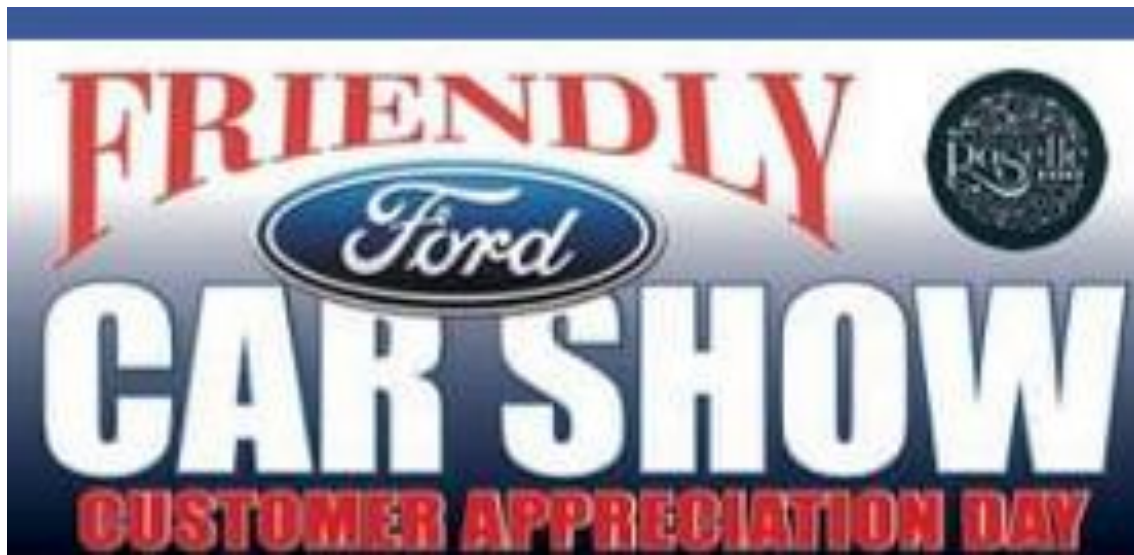
During the month we had a really interesting trip to the Western National Meet in Wenatchee, Washington. It was a small meet, but attendees seemed to have a great time. We decided to rent an SUV and drive the 1,900 miles since we had so much to carry. We were lucky to get a fully-equipped Jeep Compass with only 16,000 miles on the odometer, which made the trip very pleasant. We were loaded with trophies, mileage pins, the tab room setup, office supplies, and everything needed for judging and the concourse. We also agreed to help out at registration by printing windshield cards and other items, so our 97-lb. printer came along for the ride. While at the meet we met some really terrific people and hope to see them again at Club events.



We would like to say thank you to Ron Blum for once again setting up our Night at the Races. This is always a first-class event; we had a ton of fun and look forward to seeing the new facility once the casino is completed. After some lucky bets, we even came out ahead. Also, thanks to Ron Blum and Stan Stack for their efforts to arrange our picnic at Timmermann's, to Ron Steck for bringing the club tent, and to the brave individuals who set up and took down the tent. Very few were injured.

*Ken & Carolyn*

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



**Our own Randy Yockey is hosting his 9th Annual Customer Appreciation Car Show at Friendly Ford, 333 E Irving Park Road in Roselle. All members are invited to show their Early V-8s. This has been a great show in prior years and members have had a good time.**

**The car show is free; music, trophies, and complimentary food are also provided.**

**Registration is from 9 am to 11 am • Trophies awarded at 2 pm**

**This year, the Model A Restorers Club (MARC) is holding their summer swap meet the same day at Friendly Ford from 8 am 'til noon. Admission to the indoor swap meet is \$5.00.**



On the weekend of August 12 - 14, Northern Illinois Group Members are joining members of the Northern Ohio Regional Group for tours of the Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum in Kalamazoo and the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan. The Lincoln Motor Car Foundation will be holding their Centennial Homecoming that weekend at Gilmore. Hotel rooms may still be available at the Fairfield Inn Kalamazoo West.

Members are meeting in Kalamazoo. Pat and Dee Maroney are now handling arrangements for this tour. For details and more information, contact Pat at 224-489-3196.



## 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic • Northern Illinois Regional Group

By Ken Bounds



On July 23, 1967, the Early Ford V-8 Club of America issued a charter to the Northern Illinois Regional Group, recognizing it as the 8th Regional Group in the four-year-old organization. On Sunday, July 24, a small group of members and family kicked off "NIRG Horse Week" by returning to Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake to commemorate the occasion. We don't know what kept many members away. Was it the threat of rain (which didn't happen)? Was

it fear of high temperatures (the high was 85)? Was it concerns over COVID? We may never really know, but we DO know that those who didn't attend missed something very special. More on that later.

President Ron Steck and First Lady Colleen arrived early with the club tent. As others arrived there was some time for visiting while waiting for enough people to put up the tent. Early arrivals included Ken & Carolyn Bounds, John & Este Scheve, and John Slobodnik and son John. Although putting up the tent often resembles an episode of Keystone Kops, it went relatively smoothly and must have been successful as it stayed up all day. Others arriving included Tom & Judy Buscaglia, Dan Pudelek, Scott Gilday, Stan Stack, and the Steck's daughter-in-law Molly and grandkids Bennett and Madigan. There were only two Early V-8s in attendance, Ken & Carolyn's 1951 Mercury and Dan's 1950 Crestliner. Scott drove his 1948 Chrysler Convertible.

We all spent a nice time reminiscing since this was our first picnic at the Ranch since 2019. This year everyone brought their own food - thanks to Tom Buscaglia for bringing a large box of chips and snacks. As we were eating, someone noticed an F-150 coming up the driveway and shouted "That looks different!" Different it was - it was a brand-new electric F-150 Lightening! We all gawked as the pickup pulled up near the barn and a man and an attractive woman in a horse-riding outfit got out. Someone said "She looks familiar" as she disappeared into the barn.

After a while we had our answer! The lady was none other than Country music super-star Miranda Lambert! We later learned she was in town to perform at the Windy City Smokeout coming up in early August and had stopped by the ranch for a horse-riding lesson. She came outside to look at our cars! When she saw our tent, she even stopped by to talk with us. What a thrill. She was so down-to-earth we didn't feel like we were talking to a celebrity. We didn't even notice that her husband, Brendan McLoughlin, had gone back to the pickup and retrieved a guitar. She played a quick solo for us then said that she had to run! Unfortunately, we were so star-struck that no one thought to ask Miranda or Brendan about the F-150! Maybe next time.

As the picnic started coming to and end, we took down the tent and packed it away - no injuries! Everyone had a good time and will always remember what a special day this was.



## A Night at the Races

### By Ken Bounds

After several years off, the Northern Illinois Regional Group returned to Hawthorne Racecourse July 30 for A Night at the Races, the final event in "NIRG Horse Week." We thank Ron Blum for once again setting up a great evening of fun and camaraderie. Attending were hosts Ron & Arlene Blum with their neighbor Audrey Rohlinger and Ron's friend Peter Nelson, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Ron Dopke & Bernice Short with Ron's son Ron, Dan & Diane Pudelek, John Slobodnik with 6 family members, George & Dawn Zulas, George Zulas Jr. & Tammy Snider, and Tom Zulas & Denice Brussels.

As everyone examined their racing programs with an eye toward breaking the bank, a delicious barbeque buffet was served for our group. An attentive waitress kept us supplied with beverages. We also had a great time visiting with old friends.

As the first two races went off, there were shrieks of happiness as winners came in and moans of losses for those whose predictions of victory were a bit off. For the third race, dedicated to the Northern Illinois Early Ford V-8 Club, three of our lucky participants got the thrill of riding in the pace car. This is always an exhilarating experience. As the winner, *Sunny and Eighty* dashed across the finish line, our group was escorted to the winner's circle for a photo of the winning horse and driver, Jamaica Patton.

As the evening and the racecard went on, several of our members began to head for the exits. After the 8<sup>th</sup> race, the remaining members said goodbye after a great evening of fun.





## JULY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership still stands at 68.

Treasurer Ron Blum reported the details of May and June's income and expenses and advised that the club treasury is in good shape.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. Ron Steck mentioned that the Alan Wall memorial was coming up Saturday. He also reported that Tom O'Donnell was hospitalized after an injury and that he would be moving to rehab this week. Ken reported that Eric Kozmic had recently visited Joe and that he was about the same and appeared to be in good health.



### Past Events:

- Gary Osborne was not present, so Jay Hinshaw discussed the Drive Your Early V-8 Day event, a visit to Randy Yockey's collection. He said everyone had a great time and that the museum was fantastic.

### Upcoming Events:

- Ron Blum discussed 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 mentioned that the track now has slot machines. He also discussed the opportunity to ride in the pace car.
- Ron also reported that everything was all set for the annual picnic on July 24. Tables and chairs have been rented, everyone is to bring their own food, and early volunteers are requested to help put up the tent. Este Scheve is bringing an anniversary cake.
- Ron Steck gave a brief update on the tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. He said that there are still rooms available at the Fairfield Inn in Kalamazoo. Ron said that he had to cancel his participation and that Pat Maroney had agreed to take over arrangements.

After the business meeting, Ken Bounds reported on National Meets. He advised that he had registration forms and info packets for the 2023 Grand National Meet in Dearborn and that there were already 67 registrations. He advised that there are tentative proposals for two National Meets in 2024: an Eastern Meet in Clayton, New York in the 1,000 Islands Region and a Central Meet in Auburn.

Ken showed a quick video of the just-completed 2022 Western National Meet in Wenatchee, Washington, and reported statistics on the rather low turnout. He then discussed the great time everyone had at the Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee, and showed a video of all the winning vehicles shown at the awards banquet. All eight NIRG members showing cars at the meet brought home trophies, including a first-time Dearborn by Marissa Claybaugh and a Touring A trophy in her first showing of her '52 Coupe by Kim Taylor.

Our guest George Wood was the lucky winner of \$23 in the 50-50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ron Dopke, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Bob Miller, Joey Novak, Roger Obecny, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Ron Steck, and George Zulas. Guests were Larry Pepper, Mason Maynard, and George Wood.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – August 2012

On August 5, 45 members, family, and friends enjoyed the annual picnic at Timmermann's Ranch, hosted by Don & Elaine Brain. There was plenty of food, great weather, horse rides, a large 50-50 raffle, and about 20 Early V-8s. Fifteen members and family showed seven Early V-8s at the 2012 Central National Meet in Branson, MO, with each car bringing home a trophy.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – August 2002

Lloyd Duzell's recently restored International truck won best of show at the Mt. Prospect Historical Society show arranged by Alan Wall. At least 11 Fabulous Flatheads were in the parking lot at the August 20 monthly meeting. Ken & Sylvia Weger hosted a large group of NIRG V-8ers in at least 12 Early V-8s and a couple of modern cars at their micro/mini car museum in Crystal Lake, followed by lunch at Keifer's Reef on the Fox River. Jack Nikolich arranged the tour; Lloyd Duzell led our group to the Weger home from Arlington Heights.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – August 1992

Several NIRG members participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mt. Prospect Historical Society car show August 9, arranged by Alan Wall. Howie Bischoff's beautiful 1948 Mercury won best of show. Forty-two people in 12 Early V-8s and five modern cars participated in a mini golf outing August 23 in Algonquin, hosted by John Witthoeft. After a fun time golfing, we enjoyed pizza at the Great Western Pizza Company in Crystal Lake.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – August 1982

The NIRG met in a joint weekender with the Quad Cities group August 6-8. The lowlight of the otherwise super weekend was when an out-of-control car careened into the '51 Mercury being driven by Gene Heintz, doing serious damage; fortunately, Gene and her passengers Harriet Lawrence, Gladys Duzell, and Lois Wall were not hurt.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – August 1972

The August newsletter discussed preliminary plans for attending the 1973 Grand National Meet in Dearborn. In the largest turnout of the year, more than 40 adults and 40 children attended the annual picnic, once again hosted by Jack & Jackie Groot. Trophies were awarded to Sam Iusi, best original – '37 Tudor and Alan Wall, best restored – '32 Tudor.

### Flathead Flashback

**"Lucky" Carolyn gets pulled up on stage as part of a magician's act on the Branson Belle during the 2012 Central National Meet.**



## V-8 Gals

For a dozen years from 2007 to 2018, the Road Chatter hailed August as “cocktail month,” presenting a refreshing cocktail idea to spice up the dog days of summer.

This year, the V-8 Gals return to that tradition! Since many of our members have joined since August of 2017, we decided to reprint a member favorite - which also just happens to be the first one in the series - the *Julia Belle Swain*. This cocktail was enjoyed by many Early Ford V-8 Club members on a cruise during the 2007 Central National Meet, referenced in the recipe. Interestingly, an excursion on the *Julia Belle Swain* also happened during the 1975 Central National Meet in Peoria.

Sadly, soon after the 2007 meet, the steam paddle-wheeler was shut down due to the recession. In 2013, a foundation was formed to purchase the ship and an extensive restoration began. So far over \$2.6 million has been invested. The ship, shown in its glory days on the next page, is currently for sale.

Below is Carolyn’s original article from August 2007.



As you read in Ken’s write-up of the Central National Meet in Winona, one of the highlights was a trip on the *Julia Belle Swain* riverboat. That trip was tons of fun. In addition to the good food and scenery, the fantastic staff served a delightful drink called the *Julia Belle Swain*. After a couple of sips, I had to know what was in it. There were several ladies from our group enjoying this drink. Our waitress was more than happy to provide the list of ingredients.

When we arrived home I hit the grocery store armed with the list of ingredients, determined to recreate that drink. I knew what was in it but didn’t know how much of this and that went in to the drink. This called for some experimenting. While chemistry experiments in high school were not my thing, this was something I could do. A bottle of rum later and many delicious attempts, I believe I have the correct proportions. The following is for a 10 - 12 oz glass. Feel free to do your own experimenting.

- 1 1/2 - 2 shots coconut rum (like Malibu Coconut Rum)
- A splash of grenadine for color
- 1/2 cup of orange juice
- A double splash of cream (we used Half & Half and it was just as good)
- Just a quick stir. Serve with ice and garnish with a cherry.

**ENJOY!**



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<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 24 Annual Picnic 30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park	<b>August</b> 11 Board Meeting 12 - 14 Joint Tour with NORG to Gilmore 13 Car Show, Friendly Ford, Roselle 16 Member Meeting
<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 BIRTHDAY TO  
KIM TAYLOR (8/2), JOHN SCHEVE (8/7),  
ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ALLEN BRYANT (8/16),  
ROGER OBECNY (8/19), & CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO  
JOE & NELL KOZMIC (8/6), FRANK & PHYLLIS MADRIGALI (8/9),  
GEORGE & DAWN ZULAS (8/17), JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18)  
& PAT & DEE MARONEY (8/29)**

**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND  
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Oil filter return line with banjo fitting. **Contact Jay Hinshaw at 773-791-6494.**

## GRAND NATIONAL MEET UPDATE



A reminder that Ken & Carolyn Bounds are accepting early registrations for the 2023 Grand National Celebration June 11-17, 2023, in Dearborn.

You can download a registration form from the National Club [website](#) or contact registration at [registration@2023gnm.com](mailto:registration@2023gnm.com) and ask for a form and an information package. The meet hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton. Full hotel information will be sent with your completed registration.

We have already received 76 early registrations, including six from our regional group.

In addition to all the rich Ford heritage in the Dearborn area, the meet will feature bus trips to Auburn, Indiana to tour the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum and the ACD Museum and another trip to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners. At the conclusion of the meet, attendees will have the chance to attend the Motor Muster at Greenfield Village.





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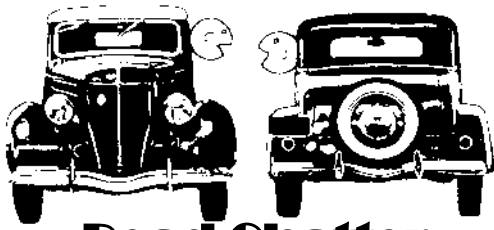
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Our Members at the 55th Anniversary Picnic**