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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

December 4 - Annual Christmas Brunch - **RSVP required!** See page 3.

January 9 - Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

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No regular meetings in December

Northern Illinois



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**Happy
Holidays**



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A reminder that 2023 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2023 roster.



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Newsletter

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

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Scott Gilday

Jay Hinshaw

Pat Maroney

Tom O'Donnell

Este Scheve

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

I am sure by now that you know that we have a new board and officers. This will be my last president's message to the club.

It is my hope that members will start coming back to our scheduled meetings as participation has been lacking for several months.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season.



FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

We would like to say thank you to all the outgoing NIRG Officers and Directors, especially to President Ron Steck. Ron has been at the helm since 2019 and helped lead our group through the difficult pandemic years and the return to normalcy in 2022. Also, welcome to the incoming officers for 2023 – see the list on page 6.



We bid farewell to long-time member Madeleine O'Donnell who passed away in October after a long illness – please see page 9.

Thanks go out to Este Scheve for her contributions to this issue. Este hosted the annual Veteran's Day luncheon and sent along the article and photos on page 4. In addition, she presented a fun tech talk at our monthly meeting on Early Ford V-8 fasteners and provided a summary of her presentation for this month's Tech Corner on page 8.

We encourage everyone to consider attending two traditional events coming up in December and January. If you plan to attend the annual Christmas Brunch and have not yet signed up, please be aware there is a deadline, so contact Scott Gilday right away. Our annual Installation Dinner is coming up January 14. There is a flyer that you can use to RSVP to John & Este Scheve enclosed with the printed version of this newsletter or attached to the e-mail transmitting the electronic version. Please send this in as soon as possible to help with the planning.

Looking back, 2022 has been a good year with a return to a full meeting and events schedule for the first time since 2019. The two National Meets were a fun time after two years of no Meets, but the outbreak of COVID at the Eastern National Meet was a reminder that we still need to be careful to take care of ourselves and our fellow members.

Finally, a friendly reminder that dues are due. You should have received a renewal form with your October Road Chatter. Thanks to the 46 members who have renewed.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Annual Christmas Brunch

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022

Time: 10am-12pm

Place: Granite City Brewery, 1828 Abriter Court, Naperville

Cost: \$25/person w/tax (all beverages are additional)



You won't want to miss the NIRG holiday brunch on Sunday, December 4th! This year we're headed to Granite City Brewery in Naperville for their renowned "Lawless Brunch." Be sure to bring your appetite, as their buffet has all your brunch favorites covered and then some:

- an irresistible assortment of breads and pastries, including their famous jumbo caramel rolls;
- BYO stations to create your perfect omelet, benedict &/ breakfast sandwich;
- a carving table with prime rib sliced just the way you like;
- weekly chef specials; and,
- a variety of salads, seasonal fruits, vegetables, and breakfast meats to choose from.

The RSVP deadline was November 28. If you have not signed and would still like to attend, please contact Scott Gilday via phone/text (312-953-6855) to see if he can get you in.

2023 Installation Dinner January 14, 2023



Place: Ki's Steak and Seafood Restaurant
705 North Ave, Glendale Heights

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar
6:30 PM Dinner

Cost: \$30.00 per person

RSVP with checks made payable to NIRG to John Scheve by January 9th.

Please see enclosed flyer for full details.

16th Annual V-8s & Veterans Luncheon By Este Scheve

On November 12, 2023, eighteen members of our club had lunch at the Patio restaurant in Lombard, Illinois. It was to honor and recognize our veterans. We all lunched on delicious BBQ and enjoyed each other's company. Weather outside was a little chilly, but the warmth in the room shined with friendship and camaraderie. Members there included Vickie Beck, Ron and Arlene Blum, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Tom and Judy Buscaglia, Terry and Kitty Freihage, John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Rusty Medlin, Joe and Millie Novak, John and Este Scheve and John and John Jr Slobodnik.



Terry Freihage, John Judge, Frank Madrigali, Judy Buscaglia



Vickie Beck, John Scheve, John Slobodnik, John Slobodnik, Jr., Rusty Medlin, Ron & Arlene Blum



Our group enjoying a nice meal with great V-8 camaraderie



Judy & Tom Buscaglia, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Millie & Joey Novak, Kitty & Terry Freihage



Thank you to our Veterans!

NOVEMBER 14 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Ken Bounds**

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Ron introduced our newest member, Joe Griffith from Glen Ellyn, who was attending his first meeting and brought along his grandson, Rick Pennington as his guest. Joe is the owner of a 1936 Convertible Sedan and ran an auto repair shop in Bellwood for many years.



Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership now stands at 70. He said that 42 renewals have already come in, that one former member, Marshal Adams, has returned, and that Joe Griffith had joined.

Ken talked about registration status for the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year (currently standing at 142) and advised that he could take registrations tonight.

Ken announced the results of the National officer elections. We were thrilled to learn that our long-distance member Rick Claybaugh will be National President for 2023. Friend of the club Steve Kronen from Ohio will be Vice President. The Board of Directors results are not yet in, but we know that our own John Emmering will be Midwest Director.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. We had a discussion about the health of several members including Phyllis, who is not doing well. Ron Blum talked to Scott Gliday who had rotator cuff surgery this morning. He is having a lot of pain, but is home and doing OK. He also talked to Tom O'Donnell who is doing better and having chemo every two weeks. Terry Freihage advised that Gladys Duzell has been placed in a nursing home in Indiana and has memory issues.

Treasurer Ron Blum reported on income and expenses; the Treasury is in good shape.

Past Events:

- Este Scheve gave a short report on the Veteran's Day luncheon held last Saturday. She reported that 18 members enjoyed a barbeque meal at The Patio in Lombard and had a nice time just visiting. She said that the Veterans were thanked for their service and that it was a good time.

Upcoming Events:

- Ron Steck discussed the annual Christmas Luncheon set for Granite City Brewery in Naperville for December 4. Ken Bounds passed around a signup sheet.
- Este Scheve reminded everyone that the Installation Dinner will be held at Ki's Restaurant on North Avenue in Glendale Heights on January 14. She said that there will be a form in the December Road Chatter that you can return with your payment.

Ron Steck asked Ken Bounds to read the slate was nominated at the October meeting: for President - Scott Gilday, for Secretary - Gary Osborne, for Treasurer, Ron Blum, and for the Board of Directors Vicki Beck, Ken Bounds, Pat Maroney, and Este Scheve. Ron will be on the Board as Past President. There were no other nominations and all the new officers and directors were elected unanimously.

After the meeting, Este Scheve gave an interesting tech talk on Early V-8 fastener finishes. Thank you Este! See Tech Corner on Page 8.

The lucky winner of \$22 in the 50-50 raffle was Jay Hinshaw. Our traditional turkey raffle was held with Vicki Beck, Terry Freihage, and Jay Hinshaw each receiving a \$25 cash prize. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Vickie Beck, Ken Bounds, Terry Freihage, Joe Griffith with his grandson Rick Pennington, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Bob Miller, Joe Novak, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, Stan Stack, and Ron Steck.

V-8 Gals

This month our V-8 Gals are wondering:
Can you relate to this?

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't forthcoming or flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he still didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; he said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving.

I can't explain his behavior I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep -- I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

Husband's Diary:

V-8 wouldn't start, can't figure it out.

Congratulations to the newly elected NIRG Officers for 2023

President:	Scott Gilday
Secretary:	Gary Osborne
Treasurer:	Ron Blum
Board of Directors:	Vicki Beck, Ken Bounds, Pat Maroney, and Este Scheve Ron Steck will also serve on the Board as Past President





10 Years Ago This Month – December 2012

On December 9, thirty-eight members, spouses, family and friends met at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont for our annual holiday lunch, hosted by Este Scheve. In addition to the wonderful, abundant food, there was a ladies grab bag exchange; 8 ladies participated. Gifts included some lovely candles and decorations and there were some bottles of holiday festivity also received.

20 Years Ago This Month – December 2002

Carolyn O'Hare hosted the annual Christmas Brunch December 8 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The large group enjoyed an outstanding brunch and the raffle of a gingerbread house donated by Tom Buscaglia. On December 13-15 six couples participated in a "Christmas Tour" to Springfield, hosted by Marty & Leah Duling. Four of the couples enjoyed a relaxing trip to Springfield via Amtrak. The weekend consisted of some great meals and tours of several historic sites, including the rare opportunity to freely tour the Dana Thomas (Frank Lloyd Wright) house decorated for Christmas.

30 Years Ago This Month – December 1992

In the December Road Chatter, President Ken Bounds reminisced about the events of 1992, our Club's 25th anniversary. The 3rd Annual Christmas Brunch was hosted by Norm & Dolly Collins December 13 at the Hobson House in Long Grove. Members had a great time at the brunch capped off by the ladies grab bag. Afterwards everyone went shopping at the Long Grove shops while some of the guys found a place to quench their thirst.

40 Years Ago This Month – December 1982

Frequent guest Joe Novak joined the NIRG at the well-attended December 14 monthly meeting (yes, we had meetings in December back then). Chester Lawrence brought samples of the proposed club clothing to the meeting. At the meeting it was announced that '49-'53 V-8s had been voted in to the Early Ford V-8 Club. President Marty Duling presented a slide show of events held by the Club in 1982.

50 Years Ago This Month – December 1972

On December 8, forty-nine members (a dozen of whom are still members today), family, and friends enjoyed the most successful NIRG Christmas party to date. Films were shown of the Hershey meet and of the Eastern National Meet. Bob Mengler won the men's door prize – a one-year subscription to Ford Life magazine. Connie Bleitz won the ladies door prize – an Avon rose candle.

Flathead Flashback

Our group at the Illinois Governor's mansion on the 2002 Christmas tour to Springfield,.





TECH CORNER



Below is a summary of the tech talk given by Este Scheve at our November meeting

Proper Finishing of Early Ford V-8 Fasteners

When a car is being judged, one of the things judges should look for is if the fasteners are correct for the application. Each Ford part number for fasteners ends with a suffix of S and a number. The sheet handed out shows the different codes for the finishes. I won't go over all of them, but I will go over the most common and try to explain the differences.

S-2 is Raven black which is modern black oxide and a very common finish used in early V-8's. It is not a paint. It is a process done by a plater. It colors the metal, but does not add material to the fastener like a chrome plating would do. On line, there are a number of ways to give your fasteners the look of black oxide and I'm not endorsing any one of them!

- One idea is to coat your fasteners with gun bluing and then wax.
- Another is to heat your fasteners with a torch until almost red hot, and then put the fasteners in used motor oil. Do not do this with critical fasteners as they lose strength with this method.
- Another idea is to put your fasteners and used motor oil in one of those throw away aluminum pans and put the pan on your gas bbq grill at 350 degrees, occasionally turning the fasteners until they are dark colored. If used diesel oil is available, that will work better. Don't use new oil.
- Last is a kit sold by Eastwood. Put your fasteners in a tank for 5 minutes, then sealer, and done.

S-3 is Black Japan or Japan Black. It is a lacquer or varnish that has a resin base. Consisting of mostly an asphaltic base dissolved in naphtha – a flammable liquid hydrocarbon mixture – or turpentine, which is a flammable fluid obtained by the distillation of resin from pine and other live trees, amongst other varnish ingredients such as linseed oil. The lacquer is applied directly to parts of metal and then baked for up to an hour. Ford used this exclusively for Model T's because it dried in 48 hours as opposed to colors which could take as long as 2 weeks to dry. As paint was developed, this was used only for certain applications and fasteners. It has a matte or semi gloss finish, is somewhat rust proof and is very durable.

I found a source for a recipe for Japan Black. This method is used for both metal and wood. Mix one part Mahogany varnish stain and two parts Walnut varnish stain. Coat and dry to get depth of color wanted. Or, use roofing tar (it is asphaltum), let the volatiles evaporate, then mix it up with gloss marine spar varnish. Put it on wood or metal and it is durable. Prepare the surfaces first with alcohol to remove grease and oil, etc. Surface prep is important. You can cure it at 220° F for about a 1/2 hour in oven, but not in your house as the fumes can kill. If you air dry it will take 8 to 24 hours to dry and will get harder with time. Gives the black brown color of old days and you can re-coat to get the desired color depth.

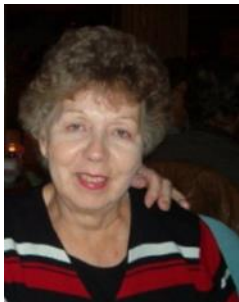
Next is S-7, cadmium. It looks like brushed silver, not shiny. It also can be somewhat yellow which is also called yellow zinc. Eastwood sells a spray that mimics the look of cad plating.

The last that I will talk about is S-15, Oxidized. These are interior wood screws used for trim. They appear to be brass that has oxidized, to blend into the interior and not stand out. There are a number of paints that will mimic that color, but paint adds material to the screw, so that wouldn't work. I have found no work-around for that. Oxidized fasteners can be purchased from Third Gen Automotive in Tennessee.

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>September 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 9 Fall colors tour to private collection in Aurora 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, The Patio, Lombard 14 Member Meeting - note Monday date</p>	<p>December No Meetings 4 Christmas Brunch Granite City Brewery, Naperville</p>
<p>January 12 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>February 9 Board Meeting 11 Valentine's Day Dinner, Makray CC (Tentative) 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>March 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>April 6 Board Meeting 18 Pizza Meeting</p>

**Madeleine O'Donnell
 March 26, 1936 - October 3, 2022**



In October we received the sad news of the passing of Madeleine O'Donnell after a long illness. Madeleine and Tom are long-time members of our regional group having joined in July 1977. Madeleine was present with Tom and family at countless club events over the years. Many of us remember the "drive-by" that Tom organized during the pandemic to celebrate Madeleine's 85th birthday in March of 2021 (right). We will miss her.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 MARY ANDERSON (12/4), DAN PUDELEK (12/10), ED CRANE (12/11),
 JANIS DIX (12/15), MARGARET KOEDER (12/25), KEN BOUNDS (12/26),
 KITTY FREIHAGE (12/29), MILLIE NOVAK (12/29) & RICH ANDERSON (12/31)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 MICHAEL & GRACE MOHAWK (12/3), KEN & CAROLYN BOUNDS (12/6),
 JOHN & MARILYN KRENGER (12/12), AND TERRY & KITTY FREIHAGE (12/19)**



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 ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**



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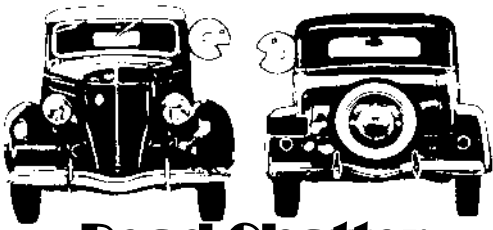
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**Photo of the Month
Our Group at the V-8s and Veterans Luncheon**