

ROAD CHATTER

Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8

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February 2022

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

February 10 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

February 15 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

February 18-20 Starved Rock Weekend Getaway. See Page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your special person.

Feb 20 30th Annual BOPC Swap Meet & Car Corral, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles. 8am - 2pm. \$6 admission.

Feb 12-21 114th Annual Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$15 adult, \$10 seniors 62 and older.

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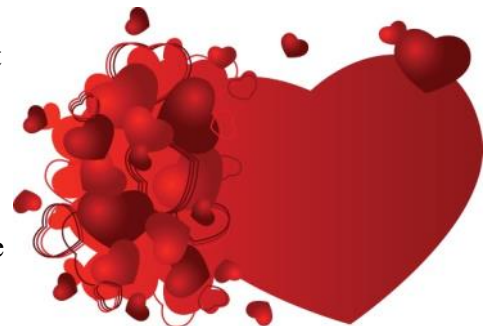
Page 7 – Rearview Mirror – information about club events over the past 50 years, plus a Flathead Flashback.

Page 8 – Tech corner - It Worked for Me. This month we present a follow-up to a tech tip from 16 years ago, still relevant today. Be sure to also read the update that appears on Page 9.

Page 9 – Remember that our abbreviated events calendar appears on this page every month. And, be sure to check the listings of our members' birthdays and anniversaries.

Page 10 – Be sure to take a look at the "Used Car Lot." Some very attractive vehicles are available.

Back Cover – Photo of the Month: The 2022 NIRG Officers and Directors being sworn in at the January meeting.



2022 Membership Rosters will be available at the February club meeting. Please come to the meeting to pick up your Roster!!

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Pat Maroney

Tom O'Donnell

Este Scheve

MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is doing well at this time of our winter wonderland. We had our first meeting in January and it wasn't a bad turnout. We were able to get the new board members and officers sworn in for this year except the VP and one board member. With all of this COVID going on I haven't heard of any of our members getting it. We had a zoom meeting with the officers and board members to put an events calendar together and will be putting that in the Road Chatter.



We were talking about having guys get together this summer at different car shows as well. It would be nice to have more participation from members as some of these events take planning for the ones putting it together.

If any of you are planning on going to the National meet in Tennessee you can contact Ken for the information. I am planning to go on the driving tour trip to Colorado and New Mexico this September.

For now take care, Ron

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

We hope everything went OK for our members with the e-mail distribution of the Road Chatter to most members. If there are any problems, please let us know.

We want to thank a few of our members for their contributions. In this issue, our V-8 Gals page has a recipe from Millie Novak. Thanks Millie for sending it in! We hope other members will follow your lead and contribute to this column. We are also need your tech articles and stories about your EarlyV-8s. Thanks also to Ron Blum and Sam Dix for articles we may be able to use in future issues.



We wanted to say a few words about something a little under the radar that illustrates the hard work that some members do for the club. Este Scheve went above and beyond in the last few months regarding the Installation Dinner. It is quite a bit of work to make arrangements for an event, to create flyers, to collect reservations and checks, and to follow through to completion. You would think that if the event is cancelled, the work is over. But, no! Este had to diplomatically contact the restaurant and explain the cancellation, to reach out to every member who planned to attend, and to get checks returned to all who paid. Thanks for your efforts, Este!

Finally, an advance apology regarding the March issue. It will be a little late, as we will be taking 10 days at the end of the month to go watch some whales at a place a little warmer than here. It is possible that there will also be a Mai Tai or two.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



The Starved Rock Winter Getaway Weekend is Back!

**Ron Steck has organized a two day activity at the Starved Rock Lodge
over the weekend of Friday, February 18-20, 2022**

**Make your own reservations for a room or cabin for the two night stay (Fri. & Sat.)
at 815-667-4211 or online at www.starvedrocklodge.com**

R.S.V.P. Ron at 630-777-4001

We will drive individually and meet up Friday Afternoon at the Lodge

Enjoy the Winter Wilderness Tour on Saturday Feb 19th at 1:00 pm

Join us for a narrated trolley ride to see winter wildlife in their natural habitat! Tour will depart from the Lodge and take you on an excursion through scenic Buffalo Rock State Park to visit the resident Bison. Then we will travel to the Illinois Waterway Visitors Center observation deck to see if we can spot an Eagle or two. We will also travel to some other areas that are known for Bald Eagle sightings! Cost \$25.00 per person. *Make Reservations in Advance when you book your room.*



Annual Installation Dinner By Este Scheve

The Installation Dinner planned for January 15, 2022 had to be cancelled about a week before the date. People who had sent in their reservation were contacted and their checks shredded. Of course, Ki's Restaurant was certainly not happy with our cancellation. Was Covid to blame for the low response? Maybe. And those that emailed their regrets were certainly appreciated. I hope that we can plan our 2023 Installation Dinner with everyone well and happy to come and see their friends and support the club.

JANUARY 18 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

Our returning President (for a 4th year!) Ron Steck gaveled the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Since our Installation Dinner had to be cancelled, the first order of business was to swear in the new slate of officers. Retiring Director John Emmering did the honors, leading the group in the *So Help Me Henry* pledge. The new officers sworn in were President Ron Steck, Secretary Ken Bounds, Treasurer Ron Blum, Membership Chairman Ken Bounds, Health & Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali, Tour Chairmen Pat Maroney and Gary Osborne, and Board of Directors Scott Gilday, Pat Maroney, and Tom O'Donnell. Vice President Dan Pudelek and Directors Jay Hinshaw and Este Scheve were not present.



New Secretary Ken Bounds presented a brief summary from the January board meeting. All Board meetings are now being held via Zoom. The Board made the decision to cancel the Installation Dinner because of the Omicron surge and spent some time setting up the calendar of events for the year. We also discussed the demise of website hosting by Hemming's Motor News and the establishment of a new arrangement for hosting the NIRG website. The Board thanks Hemming's for their support of car clubs for many years.

Membership Chair Ken Bounds (again?) presented the status of membership renewals, noting that we currently have 77 members, of whom 52 have paid their dues. Anyone not paying dues by the end of the month will not be included in the Annual Roster, expected to be available at the February meeting.

Ken talked about changes this year to the Road Chatter and thanked John Emmering for doing a great job as editor for the past 3-plus years. The Board agreed that if the Road Chatter was to continue, it would be reduced in size and issued only via e-mail, except for about 10 members who do not use e-mail. Ken and Carolyn Bounds have resumed the job of Road Chatter editors. No problems were voiced about the transition to the new format and delivery.

Ken also presented an update of national club news, primarily the status of the National Meets and Driving Tours. Registration for the Eastern meet in Tennessee is up to 131, including 11 from our group. Full registration packets went out to all early registrations on Sunday, January 16. [Registration](#) for the Western meet is expected to begin around February 1. Registration for the National Driving Tours should also be available soon. There was quite a bit of interest shown in the Wisconsin tour being hosted by the Twin Cities regional group.

Treasurer Ron Blum gave his report showing the club to be in good financial shape.

Health and Welfare Chairman Phyllis Madrigali said she had nothing significant to report. A reminder, if you hear of any issues with our members or their families please notify Phyllis. Ken reported that Dan Pudelek had a medical situation New Years Eve that required hospitalization for a week. Dan is home now and is recovering.

Past Events:

- Scott Gilday reported on the Christmas Luncheon that he and Nicole hosted December 18th at Makray Country Club in Barrington. Scott said that the event went very well and that the 19 members who attended had a good time.

Future Events:

- Ron discussed the various events that have been added to the calendar. Coming up too soon to be published in the Road Chatter are two winter events in coming weekends, a snow sculpture event in Rockford (discussed by Tom O'Donnell) and an ice sculpture event in downtown Lake Geneva. A show of hands did not indicate a lot of interest in attending as a club.

JANUARY 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

- Ron discussed the Winter Getaway Weekend in Starved Rock and indicated that everyone attending should make their reservations right away. Ron also mentioned that the Pizza Meeting will be held on April 19 at Papa Passero's, replacing the regular monthly meeting. (Don't show up here).
- Ron advised that we are planning an Eggs & Eights breakfast in Geneva on a Saturday in late April instead of the normal Sunday event which is always overly crowded and doesn't leave enough time for visiting. He also said that Ron Blum is looking into a night at the races at Hawthorne Race Course in April or May.
- Pat Maroney gave a presentation about a planned driving tour to Rosehill Cemetery May 14 on the north side of Chicago. Watch the Road Chatter for details.
- Ron said that several tour ideas are being explored for National Drive Your V-8 Day on June 18. He also said that he had been in discussions with Jack Bukzar about resuming our joint tours with the Northern Ohio group.

Finally, Ron advised that we had received a nice letter from former V-8 Times editor Jerry Windle, thanking us for his retirement gift.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Ron Steck presented an interesting show and tell of what can go wrong in the internals of a 1940 Ford Pickup transmission. He told of his diagnosis of problems, the teardown of the transmission, and efforts to return it to like-new performance. Ron brought along a lot of parts, some of which were quite damaged with chipped and broken teeth. Ron thanked Mac VanPelt for his outstanding advice and expertise in helping Ron with the rebuild.

Tom O'Donnell gave a tech talk on Early V-8 distributor timing. Unfortunately, his distributor did not match up with some pieces that John Scheve had brought, so this was mostly a theoretical discussion. It did succeed, though, in generating a lively question and answer session.

Ken Bounds was the lucky winner of \$16 in the 50-50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, John Judge, Frank and Phyllis Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, and Ron Steck.

NATIONAL MEET AND NATIONAL DRIVING TOUR UPDATES

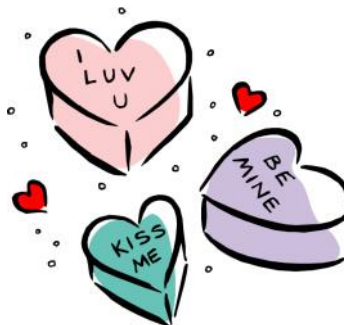
2022 Eastern National Meet - Franklin, Tennessee - June 1-5, 2022

As you may know, Carolyn and Ken Bounds are handling registration for the meet. We would love to see a good group of members from Northern Illinois travel the 500 or so miles to this meet. If you have any questions, please give us a call. The full set of registration forms and details about the meet are available on the meet website at 2022enm.com. We have already received 133 registrations for the meet, including 11 from our regional group.

Wisconsin Transportation Tour - Germantown, Wisconsin - August 23-28, 2022

Our good friend Bruce Nelson is planning this National Driving Tour in our own backyard. This will be a "hub and spoke" tour with the group staying at one hotel in Germantown, about 25 miles northwest of Milwaukee. You can download the registration form and the complete itinerary on the national website under Upcoming Events or from our NIRG website under National Tours or by clicking [here](#).

V-8 Gals



The V-8 Gals this month feature a yummy recipe from Millie Novak. She adds that Joey loves them! Thank you Millie for the contribution.

Chicken Puffs

Ingredients:

- 3 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 TBSP butter or margarine
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 1 TBSP chopped chives or onions
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt, or to taste
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp pepper, or to taste
- 2 TSBP milk
- 1 – 8oz can refrigerated crescent rolls



Directions:

- Heat oven to 350°
- In medium bowl, beat cream cheese & 1 TBSP softened butter 'til smooth.
- Add chicken, chives, salt & pepper. Mix well.
- Separate dough into 4 rectangles. Press perforations to seal.
- Spoon $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of chicken mixture onto center of each rectangle.
- Pull 4 corners of dough to center of chicken mixture, twist firmly; pinch edges to seal.
- Place on ungreased cookie sheet, brush tops of puffs with 1 TBSP melted butter.
- Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or 'til golden brown.

I make a gravy from a can of cream of chicken soup, a little sauteed chopped onion (in butter) and $\frac{1}{2}$ can of milk.

Enjoy! Milly Novak



10 Years Ago This Month – February 2012

On February 12, 24 members, spouses, and friends attended a “Ladies’ Night Out” dinner and play hosted by Joey Novak. The group gathered on a pleasant mid-winter day at 1:00 for cocktails. The hilarious play *Moonlight and Magnolias*, presented by Fox Valley Repertory at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, was followed by a three-course gourmet dinner.

20 Years Ago This Month – February 2002

The February Road Chatter included a letter from Tom Buscaglia detailing some of the vocabulary he had learned the previous summer attending the Central National Meet in Branson. Tom advised “Don’t be worried about not understanding what people are saying; they can’t understand you either.” At the February 19 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Lin Stacey reported we have 78 members.

30 Years Ago This Month – February 1992

New President Ken Bounds announced in the February newsletter that the Road Chatter had placed 4th in the newsletter competition. At the February 18 meeting we welcomed new members Tom & Judy Myers to the club. Guest speaker Colleen Geoghegan gave a brief history of the March of Dimes and talked about the V-8 Club’s participation in Ford’s “Drive America” event in April. The group voted to sponsor a checkpoint for the event.

40 Years Ago This Month – February 1982

“It gets better every year!” That was the report on the Candlelight Bowling event hosted February 27 by George & Betty Cech at Governors Lanes in Cicero. About 40 members, family, and guests had a great time, a great meal, prizes, and plenty of beverages. Incoming President Marty Duling announced that all meetings would begin at 8:00 pm sharp with a short business meeting, followed by a tech talk or program.

50 Years Ago This Month – February 1972

In the February newsletter, editor Ron Dopke put out a call to all members to send in stories about their cars; how you found it, anything unusual that has occurred with it, what you may have done with it, plans for the future, etc. Sound familiar?

Flathead Flashback

Tommy Buscaglia carefully pins a corsage on Judy at the 2012 Ladies’ Night Out event.





TECH CORNER



Note: The tech article below was first printed in the October 2006 Road Chatter. Most of the information is still accurate, but please see “Tech Corner Update” on the following page.

It Worked for Me By Ken Bounds

For those of us who like to keep our Early V-8s close to stock and still rely on 6-volt power, there is always the problem of how to install and run 12-volt accessories, such as CB radios, stereos or even a cell phone charger. In the past I have used a couple of different power inverters. These always had drawbacks, such as finding a place to mount them, unreliability, or the introduction of electrical noise into the radio. They were also easy to burn out if the radio drew too many amps. For the past several years after the old inverters became harder to find, I ran 12-volt batteries in the trunks of the '50 Convertible and Crestliner, but you get tired of manually charging them and never know if they will last the entire trip. Besides, they take up valuable space that could be used for something else. ☺

While all this was going on, someone sneaked up behind me with new technology. No, it's not a brand-new 6-volt CB (maybe the Easter Bunny will bring one of those). The new technology I'm referring to is an ultra-compact 6-volt positive ground to 12-volt negative ground power inverter. The unit I purchased is a tiny 1 3/4" cube. These little guys are so small that you can easily mount them under the dash, or possibly even on the case of the unit that you intend to power.

Installation could not have been simpler and took less than 10 minutes. On the '50 Convertible, there is a nice little bracket for the heater controls that happens to be well grounded. I was able to mount the inverter completely out of sight on the top of the bracket. There are only two wires for the inverter – a fused input from the six-volt side, which I attached the accessory side of the ignition switch, and a 12-volt output, which I fed to the CB power cable. There is also a little grounding pigtail that you can use if you don't mount the inverter directly to a grounded surface. Because the inverter and the 12-volt accessory share a common ground, you don't have to worry about isolating the accessory from the vehicle ground. Since my CB has a ground wire on the power cord, I simply attached it to the same screw that I used to mount the inverter.



I have used the new inverter on the past two tours with no evidence of a problem. The heat from the unit in operation is negligible. You should be aware of the power requirements of the accessories you wish to operate – this inverter can supply about 2.1 amps or about 26 1/2 watts with the engine off – slightly more with the engine running. I'm so impressed that I'm about to buy two more for the Crestliner and the Roadster.

Now for even better news: the price is quite reasonable. These units are available from a number of suppliers, ranging anywhere from \$59 to \$99. I have seen them at Macs and at C&G Auto parts. They might be shown as being from two different manufacturers, Custom Autosound or Antique Automobile Radio. The part number is PGPI-HC. For those of you not afraid to buy on eBay, there is a distributor named Woody's Custom Shop that sells the inverter on eBay for \$59 with free Priority Mail shipping. The owner's name is Charles Rollins. He is a Porsche guy, but otherwise harmless. My inverter arrived in just two days. With the low price and ease of installation, this has really become a “no-brainer”. Maybe that is why “It worked for me!”

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 13 Board Meeting 15 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights 18 Member Meeting	February 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 18-20 Starved Rock Weekend Getaway	March 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	April 14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting
May 12 Board Meeting 14 Rosehill Cemetery Tour 17 Member Meeting	June 1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN 9 Board Meeting 18 National Drive your V-8 Day 21 Member Meeting	July 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	August 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 23-28 National Driving Tour, Wisconsin
September 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	November 10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 15 Member Meeting	December No Meetings



TECH CORNER UPDATE



January's Tech Corner was about installing a backup camera on an Early V-8, connected via Bluetooth to a GPS. Since the GPS is plugged in to the cigar lighter, how do you get 12 volts? The answer is that I always disconnect the 6-volt vehicle wiring to the cigar lighter, then attach the 12-volt output wire from the little inverter, providing 12 volts to plug in any accessory.

Since this article was written, I have installed these inverters for all my Early V-8s. Even the one installed 16 years ago is still working fine. The e-Bay seller that I mentioned in the article is still selling these units and the price is the same \$59, but he has started charging for shipping. You can also buy them now from Amazon with free shipping. The cost is \$64.95. Just go to Amazon and search for "PGPI-HC".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
VICKI BECK (2/3), ED KARCH (2/2), NELL KOZMIC (2/8),
PAULA BAUGHN (2/11), PAT STACEY (2/12), LEN VINYARD (2/14),
FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21), & CHERYL KOZMIC (2/28)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
ED & GAIL KARCH (2/10), & STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.





Used Car Lot



1953 Ford Customline Tudor. Car is a survivor, no rust, my aunt and I were the only owners, never been in the salt. Total rebuild -Engine, Trans. rear end, front wheel bearing, exhaust system, double manifold, new radiator, springs, brake system. Less than 2,000 miles on rebuild. I have all the receipts on the work, over \$20K. This is real driver. Asking \$17,000. **Contact Stan Stack at 847-382-4223.**



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1932 Pickup



1939 Convertible



1954 Pickup

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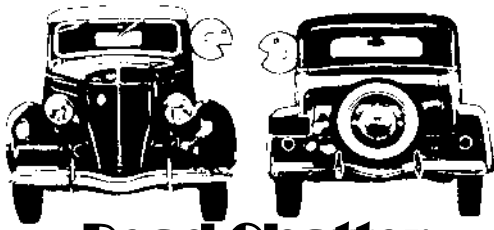
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NIRG Officers and Directors for 2022
Sworn in at January Meeting**