

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**January 13** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**January 15** Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

**January 18** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**January 23** 47th Annual VCCA Swap Meet, Peotone. 7 am - 1 pm. \$5 admission.

**January 29** Caffeine and Chrome, Gateway Classics, Crete - Free 9 am-noon.

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**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month: NIRG families and friends at the Annual Christmas Brunch.



If your dues have not been received by the end of January, this will be your last issue of the Road Chatter and your name will be omitted from the 2022 Roster.

A membership renewal form is included if you receive the print version of the Road Chatter and we have not received your dues.

Please review the form, make any corrections or additions, and return it to the Membership Chairman at the address shown on the form.

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Gary Osborne**Newsletter**

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

**Board of Directors**

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.  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we start a new year we are looking forward to continue our monthly meetings. We are having our installation dinner on January 15th, hopefully many of you will be joining us. We will be swearing in the new officers and board members.



Our first meeting will be on Tuesday the 18th of January. We don't have anything special planned for this meeting as we just had our new board put in place. We will be having our quarterly meetings to plan our yearly events. We are still planning for our February 18-19 stay at Starved Rock State Park. If you haven't made reservations yet you may want to do so soon.

If anyone has anything that they would like to talk about or bring something in to show other members by all means do so. I have some transmission parts that have not fared well and will show them.

I hope too see many of you at our meeting.

Thanks, Ron

**FROM THE EDITORS**

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

We're back! When we said "goodbye" over three years ago, we thought it was final. We didn't realize we had to issue the *perpetual*, final goodbye.



We have agreed to return as editors of the Road Chatter to support keeping the club together. There will be some changes. The Road Chatter may be slimmed down a bit and will be issued to most members by e-mail only. Like all of us, our printer is aging - we hope it will be able to handle the reduced load.

We initially talked about putting out a very limited newsletter, maybe only containing meeting minutes and announcements of upcoming events. Upon further review, we have decided to go with the same basic format we used from 2006 to 2018, but with the size reduced to no more than 12 pages. This allows us to fold the Road Chatter for mailing in a way that will reduce postage costs. It will also make our job a little easier. We will go with this format on a trial basis and will see how it goes.

As usual, we remind you that this is your newsletter and needs your contributions. We rely on your input for tech articles, V-8 Gals articles, write-ups of events, etc. Please contribute.

Ken & Carolyn

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

## *2022 Installation Dinner*

### *January 15, 2022*



Place: Ki's Steak and Seafood House  
750 North Ave  
Glendale Heights, Illinois

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner with wine  
8:00 - ????? Program

Cost: \$35.00 per person - cash bar

#### **Menu - Choice of**

Filet Mignon: Twin 4 oz center cut steaks charbroiled to order

Roasted Tilapia: Roasted with fresh herb & garlic bread crumb crust

Chicken Piccata: Sautéed breast of chicken with a lemon fresh herb sauce

Sautéed Chicken: Breast of chicken lightly breaded and sautéed golden brown

Each choice includes soup and salad, your choice of entrée served with potato and house vegetables, and ice cream for dessert. Dinner includes all soft drinks, coffee, tea and red and white wine served with dinner.

**Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends.**

- ◆ **Delicious meal served family style, with wine**
- ◆ **Swearing in of officers for 2022**

**RSVP date is January 8th. If you want to attend and have not made your reservation, call Este or John Scheve at 630-420-0029 today to reserve your spot. Payment is due with your reservation.**

## MORE 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](http://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.*

### Northern Illinois Regional Group Fun Facts

January 1 ushers in our **55th year** as a Regional Group of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Our charter, signed by then National President Loren Sorenson, was issued on our birthday - July 23, 1967. You can see a copy of our charter on our website. Trivia: Why does the charter show Regional Group #7 instead of #8? That is a story in itself!

A little group history will be made on January 15. Este Scheve will be sworn in as the first woman elected to our Board of Directors! NIRG history buffs will call a technicality on this one. Yes, Phyllis Witthoef was the first woman to *serve* on the Board in 2000 as Past President. She served two years as President in 1998 and 1999 but was never *elected* to the Board. Welcome Este!

Just over 10 years ago a guy named Ron Steck joined our regional group. Within two years he was tricked into serving on the Board. This month Ron will be sworn in as our group President for the **4th time!** Trivia: how many of our group members have served as President **five times** or more?

The answer is three - you probably know who the most recent ones were. But to know who the first was, you need to go all the way back to **1970** when Len O'Connor was elected President for the first of five terms. Hmmm. Didn't he have a 1932 Ford Cabriolet? Wonder what ever happened to it.

## Annual Christmas Brunch By Scott Gilday

On Saturday, December 18th, 2021, 19 members, their spouses, and friends gathered at the Oak Terrace Grille at the Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington for our annual Christmas Brunch. We did not have any snow on the ground, but the beautiful sunny day made up for it. A delicious meal was served with menu choices of a petite filet, chicken piccata, or grilled salmon, as well as a salad, bread rolls, and a very decadent chocolate cake topped with strawberries (that Nicole said was to die for!).

It was really nice to get the club together again for the holidays, especially since we missed last year due to COVID 19. Everyone seemed to have a great time and plenty of tall V-8 stories were told! I don't think anyone went home hungry.

The following people attended: Ron and Colleen Steck, Bob and Rhonda Miller, John Judge and his guest Linda Luplow, George and Dawn Zulas, Pat and Dee Maroney, Ron Dopke and Bernice Short, Ron and Arlene Blum and their friend Audrey, John and Robin Emmering and Scott and Nicole Gilday.



Clockwise from the left: Ron and Colleen Steck, Dawn and George Zulas, Nicole and Scott Gilday, Robin Emmering, Dee Maroney, Bob and Rhonda Miller, John Judge, Pat Maroney, John Emmering, Ron and Arlene Blum and their friend Audrey, and Ron Dopke and Bernice Short.



In the foreground, Linda Luplow and John Judge, Pat Maroney and Bob Miller, John Emmering, Dee Maroney, and Robin Emmering.



A closer shot of Bob and Rhonda Miller, with Dee Maroney, and John Judge as well.

## NATIONAL MEETS

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

Volunteer Regional Group #97 in Nashville, Tennessee, is planning the first National Meet since the pandemic began. They are working hard to put on a fun meet with all the usual events. It will be great to get the V-8 family back together again. The meet will be in Franklin, about 1/2 hour south of Nashville. Most events will be at the host hotel, the Franklin-Cool Springs Marriott, where the special meet rate is \$135 - a bargain for that area.

A highlight of the meet will be a bus trip to the Grand Ole Opry the evening after the concourse. Other driving tours and seminars are planned to ensure that everyone has a great time.

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. Registration forms and details about the meet are available on the meet website at [2022enm.com](http://2022enm.com). As 2021 comes to an end, we have already received 116 registrations for the meet, including nine from our regional group. The full registration package will be sent out to early registrants very soon.

### **2022 Western National Meet - Wenatchee, Washington - July 9-14, 2022**

Puget Sound Regional Group #18 is hosting this meet in the beautiful city of Wenatchee, located on the Columbia River in north-central Washington 148 miles east of Seattle. Registration for the meet will be available soon - Cornerstone Registration is handling registration. Detailed information can be found on the PSRG website at [www.efv8psrg.org](http://www.efv8psrg.org).

## NATIONAL DRIVING TOURS

### **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. There will be registration and a get-acquainted party on Tuesday, then the group will drive an average of about 250 miles round trip to different destinations each day Wednesday through Saturday.

Some of the attractions that will be visited include the Harley Davidson museum, a brewery, mansions, automobile museums, railroad museums, and more. Registration will be available soon. Watch the Road Chatter and the [Early Ford V-8 Club website](#). We hope several of our members will sign up for this fun event.

### **The Border Affair - Colorado / New Mexico Tour - September 16-23, 2022**

Lou Mraz is Chairperson for this tour, a full seven days of driving beginning in Trinidad, Colorado and ending in Charma, New Mexico. There is a note that the dates might be tentative. Lou advises that the tour will encounter some serious elevations and cross the Continental Divide four times! There will be forts, mountain passes, and railroad history on the tour. Watch for registration, more details, and confirmation of the dates on the [Early Ford V-8 Club website](#).



### 10 Years Ago This Month – January 2012

On January 14, a crowd of 52 V-8ers, family, and friends gathered at the Wellington in Arlington Heights for our annual installation dinner, hosted by Frank Madrigali. Outgoing President Dan Pudelek passed the gavel to new President Tom O'Donnell. The January Road Chatter welcomed new members Ron and Colleen Steck.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – January 2002

Ken Bounds & Carolyn O'Hare hosted the annual installation dinner January 12 at the Terrace in Lombard. Over 40 members and guests enjoyed a great meal, followed by service awards, door prizes, and the melodies of Jimmy Dee on the accordion. VP Dick Alfini chaired the January 15 monthly meeting as Ken Bounds was out of town; Ron Vaughn hauled in a '35 engine block and presented an interesting tech talk on the steps he used to clean it.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – January 1992

On January 18, Ralph & April Morey hosted the installation dinner/dance at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. At the January 21 monthly meeting, new President Ken Bounds introduced his team of officers. Ken provided a tentative calendar of events for the upcoming year, including a special event to commemorate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Membership Chairman Neil McManus passed out 1992 Rosters which showed 71 current members.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – January 1982

On January 23, 50 members and guests attended the installation dinner/dance hosted by Dan & Maxine Fontanini at the Mug Pub in Itasca. After cocktails and a delicious dinner, many door prizes were awarded, followed by service plaques presented by outgoing President Alan Wall. Incoming President Marty Duling announced his list of officers and presented his plans for the year. Afterwards, there was dancing to the sounds of the Velvetones.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – January 1972

At the January 11 monthly meeting the main topic of discussion was upcoming warm weather activities. Much discussion centered around attending the May Grayslake car show and swap meet as a club. It was suggested that the group could possibly get 6 to 8 cars and have an "Early Ford V-8 Club" area sectioned off. Also discussed was the possibility of the Club selling parts at the meet.

### Flathead Flashback

**NIRG Officers and Board for 2012.**





## TECH CORNER



### Backup Camera in a 1951 Mercury? It Worked for Me • By Ken Bounds

Modern technology has a way of growing on you. For example, I have gotten very accustomed to the backup camera in Carolyn's modern car, as well as in the rental cars we occasionally use. Then, you get into a classic car and miss that safety assist when backing up.

But there is an easy solution! Check the date - no, this is not one of my April Fools articles. This really works.

In thinking of a backup camera for the Early V-8 vehicles, I wondered: How do I wire it up? How do I power it? Will it even work? The answers were: Bluetooth. Cigar lighter. Yes!

There are many solutions out there, but the one I chose is the Garmin BC 40 Backup Camera that retails for about \$150. The camera is easily connected to a sturdy metal plate that mounts behind the rear license plate. It simply connects via Bluetooth to a compatible Garmin GPS - no wiring involved. I chose the Garmin DriveSmart 65. There are several other compatible models starting at around \$250.

Installation was simple. Just attach the GPS unit to the windshield or other location via suction cup and plug into the cigar lighter. All my antique vehicles are still 6-volt, positive ground, so the power source is a story for another tech article! (One that we ran several years ago - making a return visit soon).



The camera is barely noticeable over the license plate

It took about five minutes to remove the rear license plate, attach the mounting plate and license plate, and snap in the battery-powered camera. There are a couple of adjustments to get the angle right.

The results were instant and amazing. This thing really works. Power up the GPS and the camera connects automatically. The picture to the left really doesn't do it justice, but it is quite clear.

You can quickly move the camera from car to car by buying and installing additional mounting plates. It worked for me!



A clear view of what is behind!



Extra mounting plate on my daily driver



## 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	<b>April</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting
<b>May</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>June</b> 1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN 9 Board Meeting 18 National Drive your V-8 Day 21 Member Meeting	<b>July</b> 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	<b>August</b> 11 Board Meeting 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

## V-8 Gals - Classic

Did you ever wish you could make the Olive Garden Restaurant Salad Dressing at home? Look what I found on-line. I'll be trying this one out soon!

### OLIVE GARDEN ITALIAN SALAD DRESSING

1/2 cup white or red wine vinegar  
 1/3 cup water  
 1/3 cup vegetable oil or olive oil  
 1/4 cup light corn syrup  
 2 1/2 tablespoons grated Romano cheese  
 2 tablespoons dry pectin (used to thicken jelly)  
 2 tablespoons beaten egg or egg substitute  
 1 1/4 tsp. salt  
 1 tsp. lemon juice  
 1/2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic or 1 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 teaspoons dried parsley flakes  
 pinch of oregano  
 pinch of crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste

Combine all of the ingredients with a mixer on medium speed for 30 seconds -Or- in a blender on low speed for 30 seconds -Or- use a wand mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Chill at least 1 hour.

Serve over mixed greens or use as a marinade.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**GENE HEINTZ (1/3), JACK FRANK (1/4), JUDY BARONE (1/9),  
 JOE NOVAK (1/11), GEORGE ZULAS (1/13), RON DOPKE (1/14),  
 DAWN OSBORNE (1/16), SUSAN FREUND (1/21), RON BLUM (1/23),  
 JO ANNE STACK (1/23), GLENN RYGEL (1/27),  
 EARL HEINTZ (1/28) & LARRY WEBB (1/31)**



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





**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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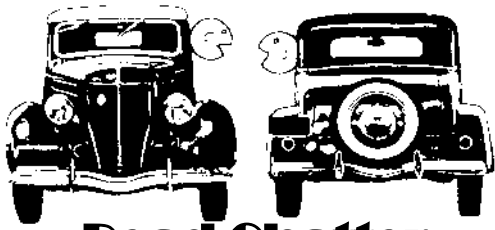


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**Photo of the Month  
NIRG Families and Friends  
Annual Christmas Brunch**