

ROAD CHATTER

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

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

July 19 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

July 24 NIRG Annual Picnic. See Page 3.

July 30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Race Course. See page 4.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July 4 Happy Birthday to the USA!

July 23 Happy 55th Anniversary to Northern Illinois RG #8.

July 23 5th Annual Summer Celebration Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show, Schaumburg Home Depot, 10-4. \$10 donation per vehicle.

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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. Get them before they are all sold!

Page 10 – Franklin by the Numbers - some statistics from the 2022 Eastern National Meet.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: NIRG members enjoying the tour on National Drive Your Early V-8 Day.



Attention Members

Let's try our June meeting in July! Bring your Early V-8 early and do some tire kicking.

Ken Bounds plans to present a report on the 2022 Eastern National Meet in Tennessee and just maybe the Western Meet.

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7:30 pm on the third
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Arlington Heights, IL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

We just recently learned that long time member Alan Wall passed away last week. Alan was one of the longest serving members of our regional group.

Our club picnic is July 24 so hopefully you will be able to make it. We will be returning to Timmerman's Ranch as we have been going there for many years for our annual picnic. This year we will be celebrating our 55th year as a club.



We were not able to get together for our June meeting as the township had a board meeting and the night that we usually have our meetings. We will once again have our meeting in July on the normal date. Hope to see some of you that haven't been able to be at the meetings or at the picnic.

We still have rooms available for the tour to Gilmore in Kalamazoo. If you plan on going you can contact me, they will keep the price two weeks before the event that we were given. Take care everyone.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

On June 5 we returned from a great time at the Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee, just outside Nashville. It was made so much more fun by the fact this was the first National Meet since 2019. But, as we learned, Covid-19 is not behind us. Dozens of attendees, including us, contracted the virus. We tested positive a few days after getting home; fortunately, the symptoms were mild and we have fully recovered. We hope everyone else has as well. We send our congratulations to Volunteer Group #97 on hosting a successful meet.



We hope to bring you a full report on the meet in a future issue and will present a slide show at the July meeting. Meantime, we are going to tease you with a few statistics that we were able to squeeze in on Page 10. We are particularly thrilled to report that our own Marisa Claybaugh received a Dearborn award for her beautiful 1951 Ford Convertible. Congratulations to Marisa and all the other NIRG award winners.

Hard to believe, but we take off again this week for the Western National Meet in Wenatchee, Washington. Because of all the "stuff" we need to transport, we will be driving the 1,900 or so miles in a rented SUV. We have never been to the area and are looking forward to it. The meet will be very small for the Northwest but it will be nice to see many friends.

Thank you to Gary Osborne for the writeup and story on the Drive your Early V-8 Day tour to Yockeyville. The Yockeys are always wonderful hosts and we were sorry that our brush with Covid caused us to miss the event.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday, July 24 - 10:00 am**

*Celebrating our 55th
Anniversary!*



Timmerman's Ranch & Saddle Shop
29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake
Celebrating the 55th Birthday of
Northern Illinois Regional Group #8
Food - Drinks - 50-50 Raffle - Fun

Because of COVID concerns and the uncertainty of how many people will attend, this year we are asking members and guests to bring their own food and beverages.

The club provides: Tent, tables, and chairs and a great place to park your Early V-8.

You provide: Your food and beverages, your Early V-8 (other cars welcome) and your lawn chairs. You are welcome to contribute snacks and desserts.

Raffle: There will be a chance to take home some \$\$\$ in the 50-50 Raffle.

Driving directions: Timmermann's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmermann's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8s and friends. You don't want to miss it! Guests are welcome!

(Note: we would appreciate a few early arrivals to help set up the tent, tables, and chairs.)

MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

You are Invited to Join Your V-8 Friends As The Northern Illinois Regional Group

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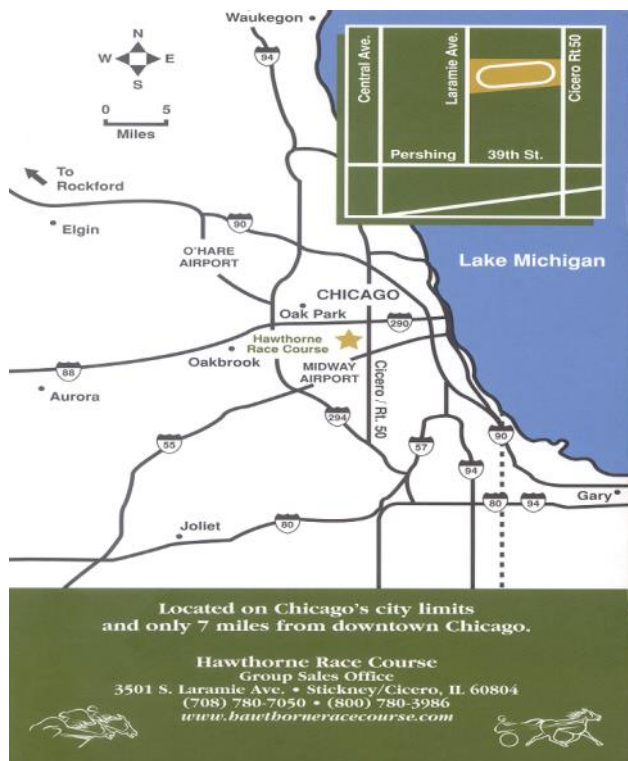
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IN MEMORIAM

Alan Wall • August 18, 1942 - June 25, 2022

We learned the sad news that long-time member Alan Wall passed away June 25 after a long illness.

Alan joined our regional group nearly 50 years ago in July 1972. He served several years as an officer and board member, including twice as our President in 1981 and 1987. Alan and Lois were long-time residents of Evanston, but Alan for several years had an attraction to the UP of Michigan. They moved to Kingston, Michigan about 7 years ago.



Services will be held July 2nd in Kingsford. The family plans a memorial in Evanston sometime in July. Our best wishes go out to his wife, Lois.



Alan was known as a “1932 Guy.” He displayed and drove his ‘32 Fords at countless club events and National Meets over the years. One unique car that he commonly showed was his right-hand drive 1932 Ford Phaeton that had been brought over to the U.S. from Nepal. Alan was also known for his large collection of 1932 parts, gas globes, and Pontiac 8-lug wheels.

Everyone can tell many fond stories about the exploits with Alan on the road. He will be greatly missed.



Neil McManus • September 28, 1942 - March 17, 2020

We also learned this week that we missed the passing of Neil McManus over two years ago. When we sent out membership renewal notices for 2020, Neil left a message that he was not able to renew because of his health. We had no idea how serious his condition was and are sorry we did not learn of his death before now.

Neil joined the Early Ford V-8 Club in 1965 and our group in November 1982. He served on the Board in 1985 before beginning an eight-year stint as Membership Chairman in 1986. He served as Health & Welfare Chairman in 2010 and 2011.

Neil is remembered as the winner of the 1939 Ford raffle car at our 1986 Meet.



JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

We had planned to kick off summer with some tire kicking at our monthly meeting, scheduled for June 21. Then we got a call that our meeting site would be unavailable on June 21, so we moved up the meeting to June 14. But, the morning of June 14 we got another call - the only available security person had called in sick, so the building would be closed.

Bottom line, no June meeting. We will try again in July.



National Drive Your V-8 Day Tour to "Yockeytown" By Gary Osborne

The proclamation by the Early Ford Club of America that June 18th was National Drive Your V-8 Day gave the NIRG a great opportunity to take a tour. Our tour this year took us to Yockeytown. You say that you've never heard of that place? Well, it's the private collection/museum of members Randy and Debbie Yockey. They graciously offered us a tour of this wonderful museum.

The tour began with 21 people in West Chicago, and took a leisurely route through the Historic District of Elgin, where we picked up 5 more. In this District there are many homes that were built in the late 1800's to the early 1900's. We took the drive slow so that we could look at the architecture that makes these homes unique. It is nice to see communities make an effort to preserve a little bit of their history.

Leaving the Elgin area, we drove through the countryside where the houses are spread out, and many of the roads are great for driving these older automobiles. Our destination was in Campton Hills, which, as its name implies, meant there were a few small hills to navigate. Nothing too big though!

Arriving safely in Yockeytown, Randy directed us to the parking area. There were eight V-8 cars in line so a lot of pictures were taken of the lineup. Upon entering the museum, one gets the impression of being in another era of time. From the brick roadway, the neon signs, and the rooms with life size dioramas, history comes alive. Every detail is meticulously displayed to show how things looked in the automotive world back then. But not everything was automotive themed in the museum. There were farm tractors, a barber shop, a post office, a diner, a saloon, and much more. There were hundreds of small items displayed to complete the feeling that one is actually stepping back in time. After a time of checking out all the displays, the Yockeys provided a delicious lunch that Debbie had prepared for our group. Many of our members took the time to sit in the saloon to order up a beer.

There is so much to see in this museum that this article will never do it justice. But; I can tell you that no matter if one has visited it once, or



Above and below, the eight Early V-8's on the tour



Este & John Scheve and John Slobodnik with hosts Debbie & Randy Yockey

several times, there is always more to see. It's especially fun to get the reaction of a first-time attendee, because they just can't believe the attention to detail that went into this museum.

I believe we all had a great time on this tour, and we are indebted to the Yockeys for sharing their wonderful museum with us all. We'll have to do it again!

These are the people who were able to help make this tour a success:

Pat and Dee Maroney (53 Victoria), Vickie Beck (41 DeLuxe Coupe), Jay Hinshaw (40 Tudor), John and Este Scheve (47 DeLuxe Coupe), John and John Jr. Slobodnik (modern), John Judge and Linda Luplow (47 Lincoln), George and Dawn Zulas (50 Convertible), Tom and Denise Zulas (50 Ford), Terry Elliot (74 Chevelle), Dan and Diane Pudelek with family John, Kath, Jack, Izzi, (50 Crestliner), Tom O'Donnell with family Steve, Mikena, (53 Lincoln), Randy and Debbie Yockey (museum), Gary and Dawn Osborne (modern).



Randy talks with John Slobodnik and George Zulas



Dawn Zulas and Vicki Beck



Mikena and Steve with Tom O'Donnell



Kath Pauly with her dad Dan Pudelek



10 Years Ago This Month – July 2012

On July 29, 50 members took advantage of spectacular weather on a 45th Anniversary Cruise on Lake Michigan aboard the ship *Mistic Blue*. Festivities included drinks, a buffet, and an anniversary cake. Bill Valters is still paying the bar tab for the first round. National President Ken Bounds presented a 45th Anniversary Certificate to RG President Tom O'Donnell.

20 Years Ago This Month – July 2002

The July Road Chatter contained a nice letter from Marty Duling reminiscing about the history of the Club and some of the members who have made it so special. We were honored that on July 21 our National Director Jim Edison, with wife June, attended our annual picnic and presented us with a certificate recognizing our 35th Anniversary. Don & Elaine Braun hosted the picnic at their home, featuring a corn roast and a lively auction.

30 Years Ago This Month – July 1992

On July 19 Ralph & April Morey hosted the annual picnic on the shores of the Fox River at "Lenny's Landing." There was a pig & corn roast, a dunk tank to humiliate the officers, bingo, and a 25th Anniversary cake. The auction was a howling success. A great time was had by all in attendance. On July 25 Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a large group of V-8ers on a super cruise on Lake Michigan to celebrate our Club's 25th Anniversary. With another cake.

40 Years Ago This Month – July 1982

Lloyd Duzell ('40 Pickup) and Len Vinyard ('39 Convertible) each won Best of Class at the July 17 AACA meet in Lake Forest. Barrett and Marsha McGregor hosted a July 23-25 weekend tour to Iron Mountain. Sue Simms provided an entertaining write-up of the event. Several members of the Badger State group joined over 20 members and family from the NIRG. A highlight was reported to be Harriet Lawrence being mooned by a fellow club member.

50 Years Ago This Month – July 1972

The July newsletter welcomed new member Alan Wall, proud owner of a 1932 Deluxe Tudor in excellent condition and an original 1932 Model B Standard Coupe. The newsletter talked about plans for the first Grand National Meet to be held in Dearborn in August 1973. Plans were also being made for a July 23 tour and picnic to Mendota; alas, we found no report of that event.

Flathead Flashback

National President Ken Bounds presenting a 45th Anniversary Certificate to RG President Tom O'Donnell.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May	June	July	August
12 Board Meeting 14 Rosehill Cemetery Tour 17 Member Meeting	1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN 18 National Drive your V-8 Day - Tour to Yockeyville 21 Member Meeting	14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 24 Annual Picnic 30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park	11 Board Meeting 12 - 14 Joint Tour with NORG to Gilmore 16 Member Meeting 23-28 National Driving Tour, Wisconsin
September	October	November	December
8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 15 Member Meeting	No Meetings



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 RICK CLAYBAUGH (7/2), JOANNE LINZER (7/2), RUSSELL MEDLIN (7/12),
 JORDON BELLER (7/13), RHONDA MILLER (7/18), PAUL LINZER (7/19),
 TONY MIRELES (7/19), & PAT MARONEY (7/21),**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
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Franklin by the Numbers • 2022 Eastern National Meet

- First National Meet since August 2019
- 186 Registrations, 387 Attendees, 109 vehicles, 32 First time registrations
- Awards given - 12 Dearborn, 8 Concourse 1st or 2nd Place, 4 Dearborn Medallion, 15 Dearborn Emeritus, 4 Rouge, 6 Rouge Medallion, 22 Touring, 19 Touring A, 8 Display
- NIRG Awards: Marisa Claybaugh - 1st Time Dearborn!!!, 1951 Ford Convertible; Rick Claybaugh - 2nd Place, 1939 Ford Tudor; Ken & Carolyn Bounds - Dearborn Emeritus, 1951 Mercury; Dick Livingston - Rouge Medallion, 1938 Ford Coupe; Joe Baughn - 1st Place Touring, 1946 Club Coupe; George Zulas - 1st Place Touring, 1950 Ford Convertible; Kim Taylor - 3rd Place Touring, 1952 Ford Club Coupe; and John Scheve - 2nd Place Touring A, 1947 Ford Sedan Coupe.





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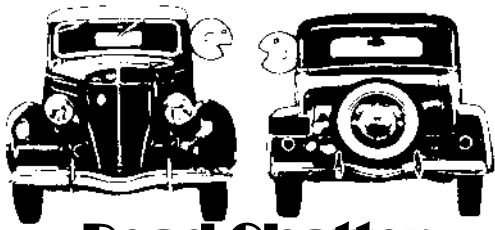
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Our Members on Drive Your Early V-8 Day Tour**