

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

Jun 9 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

Jun 18 National Drive Your V-8 Day; Tour to Yockeyville, Campton Hills. See Page 3 for details.

Jun 21 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Jun 1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, Tennessee.

Jun 5 Big Rock Classic Vehicle Show, Plowman's Park, Big Rock. 8 am to 4 pm. Free admission. Celebrating the 90th anniversary of the 1932 Ford.

Jun 19 Happy Fathers' Day!

Jun 21 Say "hello" to summer!

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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. One is not available - Stan Stack sold his '53!

Page 11 - Please support our advertisers!

Back Cover – Photo of the Month: John & Robin Emmering at the 2018 Installation Dinner. Farewell for now, stay in touch.



Attention Members

Summer will arrive on the day of our June meeting. This signals the time to bring your Early V-8 and do some tire kicking.

The tech talk has not been set, but Ken Bounds just may present a report on the 2022 Eastern National Meet in Tennessee.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is doing well at this time. Summer is now here with the Memorial Day weekend. I will be driving the Woodie in the Naperville parade this Monday.

The June event will be at Randy Yockey's home. Gary Osborne is putting this tour together; I hope many of you are able to attend. Randy hosted our group there about four years ago. He has quite a collection of cars and memorabilia.



Many of the car shows are starting to open up for people to attend. I hope many of you are able to do those in your area. Hope to see you at the June monthly meeting. Come early and we can do some tire kicking and talk about our cars. Take care for now.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

OK, last month we said to expect the June Road Chatter to be late. But somehow, here it is...on time! We have been getting everything ready for the Eastern National Meet, but still found some time to get this issue to you.



Bright and early Sunday morning we head south to Franklin, Tennessee for the first National Meet since 2019. It has been way too long and it will be nice to see about 300 or so of our V-8 friends. Carolyn's car will be loaded to the rafters with all the "stuff" we need to take for registration, judging, tabulation, and trophies. Ken will be driving the Mercury – assuming he can take a little time today to get it ready. It will be loaded down as well. Meanwhile today is still ahead of us. We have a lot of preparation, packaging, and loading to do before we are allowed to sleep. We'll make it!

Back to the local group, it is nice that our club events are back into full swing. Let's hope that the recent increase in Covid variants doesn't slow us down. We had a really nice time on Pat Maroney's graveyard tour and are grateful to Dee for sending in the story and pictures.

Finally, we fondly say goodbye this month to John & Robin Emmering as they head to their new home in Indiana. They will remain members of our Regional Group. The Emmerings joined our club in August of 2009. They organized many tours and brought a lot to our group. John took a leadership role right away, serving as Secretary 2015-2016, then as our President in 2017 and 2018. The biggie as far as we are concerned is that John stepped up as Road Chatter editor when the club really needed him. He did a terrific job of publishing our newsletter from September of 2018 through 2021. We cannot thank John enough. We say farewell, but know you won't be that far away.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

June 18, 2022 is the Early Ford V-8 Club's National Drive Your V-8 Day

We will have a driving tour to member Randy Yockey's private museum/collection in Campton Hills.

Meet at 9:30 AM at the McDonald's on the corner of Rt 59 and Rt 64 in West Chicago. There will be an approximately 45-minute drive to the Yockey home going through the Elgin Historic District. Please drive your Early V-8! Of course, modern cars and other vintage vehicles are always welcome.

Food and refreshments will be provided by the Yockeys.

Call Gary Osborne at 630-212-4648 if you have any questions or if you did not sign up at the April or May meetings and want to attend.



Driving Tour to Historic Rosehill Cemetery

By Dee Maroney

The Rosehill tour held on May 14th was a success for the V-8 Club. The Spring weather, although questionable at first, turned out to be the perfect day. We completed an approximately 2-hour, 2-mile walking tour visiting graves of the rich, the famous, the young and the old. We saw many gorgeous stained glass windows dedicated to the loved ones of family members. Following the tour, our group gathered for a picnic lunch on a pond, sitting under the cool breeze of large shade trees. Before departing, we were guided on a car parade as we toured the southern side of the 350-acre cemetery.

In attendance: Ken Bounds – 1951 Mercury, Terry Elliott – 1950 Fordor, John Emmering – 1951 Fordor, Jay Hinshaw and guests – 1940 Tudor, Pat & Dee Maroney – 1953 Victoria, Dan Pudelek and grandson Jack – 1950 Crestliner, and Ron Blum, John Judge & Linda Luplow, Gary & Dawn Osborne, and Este Scheve in modern vehicles.





Above, just a few of the six Early V-8s on the tour. Left, we enter the cemetery through the magnificent Joliet-limestone entrance gate (added in 1864) that was designed by William W. Boyington, the architect of the Chicago Water Tower. The Rosehill Cemetery Administration Building and Entry Gate was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1975. On the facing page, just a few pictures of the beautiful stained glass windows found on mausoleums throughout the cemetery, the stunning Horatio May chapel, and a couple of interesting grave markers.

MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Saturday, July 30 - Ron Blum is bringing back a classic - A Night at the Races at the Chicago area's last remaining horse racing track, Hawthorne Park in Stickney. This event is always a lot of family fun with plenty to eat and loads of excitement. Admission includes parking, admission, a racing program, and a buffet dinner. A couple of lucky members may get the opportunity to ride in the pace car - what a thrill! Do this if you get the chance,

August 12 - 14 - Joint tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group to the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan. This is one of the best auto museums in the country and is something you don't want to miss. Many more details will be coming soon, but you can make your hotel reservation now at the Fairfield Inn Kalamazoo West at 269-353-6400. We have a block of rooms at a rate of \$129 plus tax. Let Ron Steck know if you plan to attend. Our good friend Jack Bukszar is organizing this tour and he always does a great job.

August 13 - Randy Yockey is hosting two events on this date at Yockey Ford in Roselle. His annual Customer Appreciation Car Show will be from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Admission is free and complimentary lunch provided. Let's all come out and show our support to our fellow member.

The Annual MARC/MAFCA swap meet will be held there the same day from 8:00 am to noon. Admission to the swap area is only \$5.

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

September 23 - 25 - 14th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally. Rooms are reserved and plans are underway for this annual event. Combine this with the 25 or so years that we went to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally and it looks like this event might be a tradition. We always have a fun time welcoming in the fall season.

MAY 17 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

Vice President Dan Pudelek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. His first announcement was that he was standing in for President Ron Steck, who was diagnosed with Covid. He advised that Ron was doing well and we all sent along our best wishes.

Treasurer Ron Blum reported the details of recent income and expenses and advised that the club treasury is in good shape.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. Dan mentioned Ron's Covid diagnosis. It was reported that Tom O'Donnell was not present due to a cold and that a recent biopsy for Madeleine proved negative. Joanne Stack is having some knee problems.



Ken updated the group on the status of the 2022 Eastern and Western National Meets and presented early registration forms for the 2023 Grand National Meet in Dearborn. Ken and Carolyn are again handling registration for the meet. Ken presented some raffle tickets that the ENM sent us for several items that will be raffled at the meet. A few members bought tickets. Ken suggested that the Club make a donation to the meet's raffle room, as we have historically done. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate two \$100 bills to the raffle.

Finally Ken discussed the recent snafu with distribution of the V-8 Times and roster with many members receiving an extra copy. He explained that the error was made by the Club's printer and that they reprinted the entire edition and roster at no cost to the Club.

John Emmering announced that he is now retired and that he and Robin are building a house south of Indianapolis. Everyone wished him well.

Past Events:

- Pat Maroney discussed the driving tour to Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago on May 14. We had good weather, a good turnout, and a great time. See details in the Road Chatter.

Upcoming Events:

- Gary Osborne discussed the annual Drive Your Early V-8 Day event, which will be a driving tour to our member Randy Yockey's collection. The route will include a drive through the historic area of Elgin. Gary passed around a sign-up sheet.
- 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.

After the business meeting, Raul Cartagena, a.k.a. "Ralph the Radio Guy" presented a super interesting and informative tech talk and slide show on antique radio repair as well as conversion to modern electronics including AM/FM, digital, USB, and Bluetooth. He explained in detail how he restores original car radios to like-new working condition as well as adding an optional FM module. He can even take a radio all the way up to digital, replacing the original internals with various modules including Bluetooth connections, all while keeping the original appearance. A number of members presented testimonials about the quality of Ralph's work as he had restored radios for them.

Someone was the lucky winner of \$21 in the 50-50 raffle, but poor note-taking has hidden the identity of the winner. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Attendance: Vickie Beck, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Tim Carlig, Sam Dix, Terry Elliott, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Bob Miller, Dan Pudelek, Gary Osborne, and John Slobodnik.



10 Years Ago This Month – June 2012

On June 1-5, 14 NIRG members in six Early V-8s met 11 members of the Northern Ohio group for a joint tour to Kokomo, Indiana. There was a lot to see and everyone had a great time. On Jun 16, Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell hosted a duals night at Mariano's in Palatine. On a hot day with a threat of storms, 22 members enjoyed the evening driving 10 Early V-8s and other vehicles.

20 Years Ago This Month – June 2002

Ken Bounds, Joe Kozmic, and Don Braun brought home 1st Place Touring trophies from the Central National Meet in Oklahoma City. Tom O'Donnell arranged a V-8 Foundation tour June 12-15, preceded by a kick-off party at Jordon Beller's museum in Downers Grove and ending with a picnic at Volo Auto Museum arranged by Lloyd Duzell.

30 Years Ago This Month – June 1992

June brought an incredibly busy month of touring. Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell hosted 20 members and 10 guests on a June 7 tour to the Cuneo Mansion in Vernon Hills and the Joe Bortz collection at Gurnee Mills. John Witthoeft sponsored a trip to a Shoebox meet in Indianapolis June 5-7 attended by 17 members and spouses in 9 Early V-8s. On June 13-15 Marty Duling led a group of six V-8s and one motorcycle on an eventful tour down Route 66. Finally, Rich Doligale led several members on a tour to the Central National Meet in Indianapolis June 17-20.

40 Years Ago This Month – June 1982

The June 8 Monthly Meeting was held at a new location – the Wheeling Township Serice Center, arranged by Earl Heintz. We have been meeting there ever since. The meeting, featuring "Riverview Night," was a huge success with a large attendance, including guests Joe & Nancy Novak. Guest speaker Chuck Wlodarczyk presented an exciting look back on Riverview. There was a huge turnout featuring plenty of Early V-8s for the Father's Day tour hosted by Lloyd & Gladys Duzell June 20.

50 Years Ago This Month – June 1972

The June newsletter welcomed new member Sam Iusi of Melrose Park, owner of a '37 Tudor. Tony Verschoore hosted a driving tour to Burlington, Wisconsin, June 24-25. Among the Early V-8s driven were Tony's newly restored '34 Tudor, Len O'Connor's '39 Coupe, and Ron Dopke's '40 Tudor.

Flathead Flashback

Jeep Iacobucci and Ken Bounds at the first "Yellow Shirt Day" at the 2012 Joint Tour.





TECH CORNER



UPDATE Ralph the Radio Guy

The following is a reprint of this article presented in the April 2016 Road Chatter, with minor updates.

At our May meeting, members were treated to a very interesting tech talk presented by Raul Cartagena, "Ralph the Radio Guy". Ralph showed us how, with his skills and patience and modern parts that are still available today, he can restore your Early Ford V-8 radio to look and perform just like it did when it was new. This is quite a feat since our radios were built anywhere from 69-90 years ago! He showed us (in 2016) an example of a radio he restored for John Emmering's '51 Ford. If you would like your old radio to perform like new, Ralph is your guy.



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NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May 12 Board Meeting 14 Rosehill Cemetery Tour 17 Member Meeting	June 1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN 18 National Drive your V-8 Day - Tour to Yockeyville 21 Member Meeting	July 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park	August 11 Board Meeting 12 - 14 Joint Tour with NORG to Gilmore 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

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

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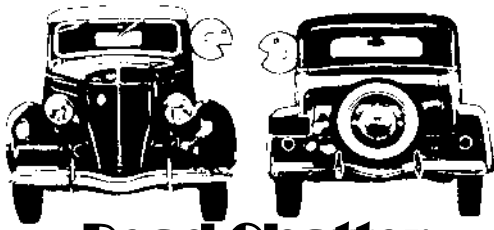
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