

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

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

**March 26** Eggs & Eights, Geneva - See page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**March 13** Daylight Saving Time begins. Set your clocks forward one hour.

**March 17** Enjoy St. Patrick's Day.

**March 20** Spring Begins! Time to bring the V-8s out of hibernation.

**March 27** 25th Annual All Sports Car Swap Meet & Autojumble. Du Page County Fairgrounds. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, \$5 admission.

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**Page 10** – Be sure to take a look at the "Used Car Lot." Some very attractive vehicles are available. Also, take a look at our overflow lot on Page 9.

**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month: NIRG Members and Friends at the Starved Rock Getaway Weekend.



**Plan to attend the March Monthly Meeting.**

**Ken Bounds will present a tech talk demonstrating the process used in the Tech Corner article on Page 6 of this issue.**

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**MEETINGS**

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to spring everybody, it's just around the corner. We're looking forward to a few tours this spring and early summer already. I hope some of you are considering doing some of the tours and those the club is putting together on the national scene.

We had a very small club participation for the February weekend event. You can read the article and see what you missed by not going.



I would hope to see more of you in our future club events. There's a lot of planning being done to organize these events by the person that is putting them together. In talking to the older members of the club, it was not unheard of 30-40 people participating.

We are having our annual pizza meeting in April so I am looking forward to it as we have not been able to have one for the last two years. Look at the newsletter for the information about the location and time. Until then Take Care!

**FROM THE EDITORS****Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

As predicted, the Road Chatter is a little late this month – thanks for your patience. We just recently returned from a relaxing 10-day trip to Maui. We had fabulous weather and saw so many whales. It was hard to come back to reality, but we were impressed to see green grass here and a lot of sunshine. This winter has not been so bad.



We were only home for a couple of days when Carolyn took off on another adventure. Most of you know about her incredible cookie creations. As I write this, she is at a 4-day event in Reno called CookieCon. She was hard at work before leaving creating about 150 small cookies to trade with other cookie artists. She is not sure how she is going to get all her trades home. I can't wait!

We are doing a lot of work with registration and assisting in planning the Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee. It is shaping up to be not only a great time, but a reunion with many V-8 friends after three years apart. We hope more of our members sign up to attend.

Sam Barone's daughter, Denise Barone Creighton, contacted us to let us know she is selling her dad's antique vehicles along with many spare parts. Please see what she is offering on Page 10.

In just a few weeks we can look winter, and hopefully the pandemic, in the rearview mirror. We have a lot of fun events coming up and as Ron says above, we hope many members sign up and take part in them. Let's start thinking about getting those V-8s out and back on the road!

*Ken & Carolyn*

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Eggs & Eights - Saturday, March 26

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, Eggs & Eights is back! This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. Also a great opportunity for new members to come out and meet the families.



Eggs & Eights will be held **Saturday**, March 26 at 9:00 a.m. at Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in historic Geneva. We traditionally have had this event on a Sunday, but are hoping the restaurant will be less crowded on a Saturday, leaving more time for visiting.

After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes. If the weather is nice, bring your V-8, but modern iron is certainly welcome! Egg Harbor Café is located in downtown Geneva just three blocks west of the Fox River, five blocks south of State Street (IL Route 38, or Roosevelt Rd).

If you are interested in attending, please confirm with Ken or Carolyn Bounds at 630-858-9474, or sign up at the March monthly meeting.

## 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](http://2022enm.com). We have already received 151 registrations for the meet, including 11 from our regional group.

### 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. Cornerstone Registration is handling registration for this meet. Registration started on January 29; you can download paper forms or find the link to register online at <https://efv8wnm2022.cornerstonereg.com>.

### 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 by clicking [here](#).

### The Border Affair - Colorado / New Mexico National Driving Tour - Sept 16-23, 2022

Registration forms are now available on the National Website under Upcoming Events or by clicking [here](#).

## Starved Rock Getaway Weekend By Colleen and Ron Steck

On Friday, February 18th to Sunday the 20th, four couples gathered for our winter wonderland getaway to Starved Rock Park. Friday afternoon we all met at the historic Starved Rock Lodge. We assembled in the presidential suite to discuss our plans for the weekend.

Later that evening we enjoyed dinner together in the main dining room of the lodge. Afterwards, we gathered together in the great hall, next to the largest two-sided fireplace in the Midwest! The crackling fire was wonderful!

On Saturday afternoon trolley transportation was provided. We toured the Illinois Waterway Lock System, Buffalo Rock State Park and historic downtown Utica. The highlight of our trolley tour was seeing eagles along the Illinois River. Many of the eagles could be seen flying near their nests or soaring high in the sky above the river! We viewed many eagles from the observation deck of the Waterway Visitor Center. It was amazing to see the Winter wildlife in their natural habitat!

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Hank's restaurant in Ottawa. When we returned to the lodge we gathered again at the rustic great hall. The stone fireplace again offered warmth and comfort on a wintry night.

On Sunday morning we all met for breakfast at the Starved Rock Café. Afterwards, we hiked along the snow packed trails. We went to the top of Starved Rock. This is the location where the Native American Starved Rock legend is said to have occurred. We continued our hike to the visitor's center.

On Sunday afternoon we gathered for lunch in Utica. We visited downtown shops and visited the La Salle County Museum. Afterwards, we departed for home with unforgettable memories!



Michele & Larry Hunkele friends of Ron & Colleen Steck, Linda & Dick Livingston, and Dawn & Gary Osborne



Many eagle sightings!



No one climbed the waterfall?

## FEBRUARY 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

President Ron Steck gavelled the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership now stands at 67 members and that all but five have paid their dues. Several chose not to renew. Ken passed out new rosters for 2022 to all present. Ken also handed out an updated call list to each officer present.

Ken also reported on the status of the Road Chatter. We are now issuing the newsletter via e-mail to most members; only 8 are printed and mailed. Ken advised that the March edition would be a little late due to a trip he and Carolyn are taking.



Ken updated the group on the status of the 2022 Eastern and Western National Meets. He advised that rooms are selling out for the early days of the Eastern meet in Tennessee. He added that forms are available on the website for the Eastern meet and that Cornerstone is handling online reservation for the Western meet.

Treasurer Ron Blum reported the details of recent income and expenses, including an annual payment for Zoom meetings, saving us the cost of meeting room rental. The club treasury is in good shape. The report was approved unanimously.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. Ken mentioned that he had talked with Lois Wall on the phone and she gave an update on Alan's health, which is not good. Please keep Alan in your prayers. Tom O'Donnell reported that former member Dan Fontanini passed away last week.

**Past Events:**

- Ron reported on past events; there were none since we had to cancel the installation dinner.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Ron discussed the upcoming weekend getaway to Starved Rock State Park; four couples have signed up.
- Ken passed around a sign-up sheet and discussed the Eggs & Eights breakfast scheduled for March 26 at Egg Harbor in Geneva.
- Ron discussed the annual Pizza Meeting to be held April 19 at Papa Passero's in Westmont. There was considerable discussion about the price and how much would be subsidized by the Club.
- Pat Maroney discussed the driving tour to Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago on May 14. A sign-up sheet will be provided next month.
- Jay Hinshaw is trying to arrange a "Drive the Dixie Highway" event in June - possibly in conjunction with the annual June 18 Drive Your V-8 Day.
- Ron Blum has revived the "Night at the Races" event on July 30 at Hawthorne Race Course in Stickney. The cost of about \$22 includes admission, buffet, and a racing program.

After the business meeting, Pat Maroney presented an interesting history of brake systems used on Ford vehicles from the Model A era through the Flathead era. He had several items to pass around from both mechanical and hydraulic brakes.

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

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, John Emmering, Terry Freihage, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Joe Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, Gary Osborne, Este & John Scheve, and Ron Steck.



## TECH CORNER



**Note: The tech article below was first printed in the November 2011 Road Chatter.**

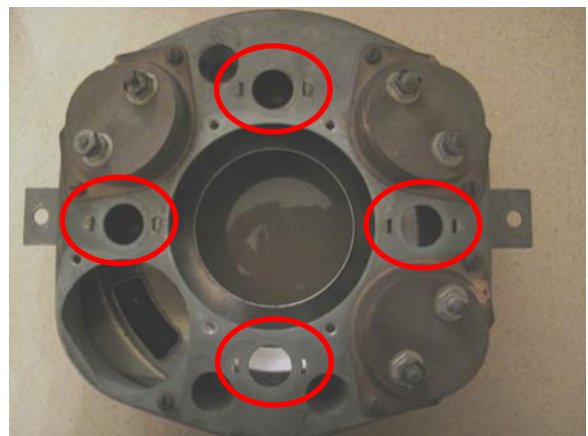
### It Worked for Me By Ken Bounds

As we reported on page 4 (*in the November 2011 issue, ed.*), Joe Dispensa took his “new” 1950 Ford Tudor for its maiden tour recently. One of Joe’s first winter projects on the car will be to replace most of the old wiring. As you veterans know, this is one of the best things you can do for an Early V-8. The new wiring will likely fix some of the things that don’t work correctly, may brighten up some of the critical lights, and will just make the car safer. Who needs a fire? But even after replacing faulty wiring, defective switches, etc., there is something Joe will still not be happy with. All you guys who have owned a ’49 or ’50 Ford know that the dash lights usually cannot be seen!

To understand why, you need to go back to 1948. The brand new 1949 Ford instrument panel must have looked fabulous. The dials on instruments were painted with radioluminescent paint; the light bulbs were enclosed in a “blacklight” shield which made the dials glow. Today we know that the use of products containing radium was not a good idea. In addition, the zinc sulfide crystals in the paint deteriorate over time, reducing or eliminating the glow. But that is another “tech” subject.

The easy solution is to remove the blacklight shields, which I did several years ago on both my ‘50s. This is much easier to accomplish if you have the instrument cluster out of the dash, but you can still do the job with the cluster in place. The process is the same in either case.

Looking at the back of the instrument cluster, you will see wires to four bulb sockets that light up the cluster; they are above, below, left, and right of the speedometer. Remove the sockets and remove the speedometer. Be very careful to not touch or damage the needle on the speedometer! Use a small thin screwdriver to bend up the tabs holding the shields; you may need a knife blade to get them started. You should now be able to reach in with needle-nose pliers to pull out the shields and the little metal bracket that holds them. In the photo above the red circles show the location of the shields; the lower and right shields have been removed, the other two are still in place. You need to be careful to not bend the speedometer face when pulling out the shields. A way to make this easier is to remove either the ammeter, as shown, which will provide a large hole to remove the shields.



Now, just replace the speedometer and reinsert the bulbs and you are finished, right? Well, not quite. Assuming your wiring is good you will find that the lights are now way too bright. What I did to remedy that situation was to paint the four bulbs green. This gives a nice glow and you can easily read your speedometer and other instruments at night. The photo on the right really doesn’t do justice - I’m positive that you will be happy with the results.





### 10 Years Ago This Month – March 2012

On March 20, 61 members, family, and friends packed in for a crowded Pizza Meeting at Lou Malnati's in Elk Grove Village. Tom & Judy Buscaglia picked a beautiful March 25th for Eggs & Eights in Geneva. A crowd of 34 V-8ers enjoyed a terrific breakfast and excellent service, along with a large dose of camaraderie. We all got the chance to meet our newest member, Gary Osborne.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – March 2002

The March Road Chatter included a description from Tom O'Donnell about a June fund-raising tour to benefit the Early Ford V-8 Foundation. At the March 19 monthly meeting President Ken Bounds showed a video about the building of a 1950 Ford. The meeting got off to a late start because ballots from the primary election were still being tabulated in our meeting room.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – March 1992

Our guest speaker at the March 17 monthly meeting was Jeff Meyer, President of the Illinois Route 66 Association. Jeff talked about events planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Route 66 Motor Tour that Marty Duling would be hosting for our club in June. President Ken Bounds advised that 45 Early Ford regional groups had signed on to support the March of Dimes Walk/Drive America event in April. Ed Fontana provided details about new club clothing.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – March 1982

Sam Barone went to the March 9 monthly meeting as a guest and left as a member. Membership Chairman Chuck Wrobel reported 81 paid members (sounds familiar). John & Grada Lasky hosted a Spring Fling event on March 21. Over 30 V-8ers, family, and friends met at Randhurst Shopping Center, toured to brunch in Cary, then went on to Richmond where the ladies enjoyed shopping in the antique and specialty shops and the guys found a pub. Hard to believe.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – March 1972

For the first time, the newsletter contained a story about a member's Early V-8; President Len O'Connor detailed the very interesting road trip when he acquired his '32 Cabriolet. The newsletter advised that the National Club had accepted 41-48 Ford vehicles into the club.

### Flathead Flashback

**Part of the group attending the 150th Pioneer Turners Lunch March 10, 2012, in Schiller Park, hosted by Charlie Kaiser.**



# V-8 Gals

Spring is just around the corner and this month our V-8 Gals are grateful to Este Scheve for sharing her recipe for a delicious cake.

## Pineapple Nut Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9x13 pan with grease and flour.

Cake:

- 2 cups A.P. flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 cup chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)
- 1 (20 oz) can crushed pineapple in juice

Frosting:

- 1 (8 oz) cream cheese
- 1 stick of butter or margarine
- 2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons of milk

Cake: Mix flour, sugar and soda in a bowl. Fold in pineapple with the juice and nuts. Mix by hand, not electric mixer. Bake in prepared pan for 25-30 minutes. Top will look golden and edges will be brownish.

Frosting: Beat together cheese and shortening. Add sugar, then milk. Spread on cooled cake.

Serve right out of the pan. Store leftovers in the refrigerator.

This is a very easy cake to make. Good for a pot luck! It is very moist (that's why you are serving out of the pan) and satisfies the sweet tooth (small portions!). Enjoy!



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<p><b>January</b>                  13 Board Meeting                  15 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights                  18 Member Meeting</p>	<p><b>February</b>                  10 Board Meeting                  15 Member Meeting                  18-20 Starved Rock Weekend Getaway</p>	<p><b>March</b>                  10 Board Meeting                  15 Member Meeting                  26 Eggs &amp; Eights, Geneva</p>	<p><b>April</b>                  14 Board Meeting                  19 Pizza Meeting, Papa Passero's Westmont</p>
<p><b>May</b>                  12 Board Meeting                  14 Rosehill Cemetery Tour                  17 Member Meeting</p>	<p><b>June</b>                  1-5 Eastern National Meet, Franklin, TN                  18 National Drive your V-8 Day                  21 Member Meeting</p>	<p><b>July</b>                  14 Board Meeting                  19 Member Meeting                  30 A Night at the Races, Hawthorne Park</p>	<p><b>August</b>                  11 Board Meeting                  16 Member Meeting                  23-28 National Driving Tour, Wisconsin</p>
<p><b>September</b>                  8 Board Meeting                  20 Member Meeting                  23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p><b>October</b>                  13 Board Meeting                  18 Member Meeting</p>	<p><b>November</b>                  10 Board Meeting                  12 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD                  15 Member Meeting</p>	<p><b>December</b>                  No Meetings</p>



1932 Pickup



1939 Convertible



1954 Pickup

The three vehicles above are being offered by Wayne Deitrich of Neenah, Wisconsin. **Contact Wayne at (404) 427-8686 or [whdeitrich@gamil.com](mailto:whdeitrich@gamil.com).** Here are Wayne's descriptions of the vehicles: 1932 Unrestored Pickup with rebuilt flathead V-8 engine, dual side mounts - asking \$23,500; 1938 Deluxe Convertible Coupe, w Rumble Seat, Dearborn Award 992 pts, asking \$57,000; 1954 Pick-up, restored - asking \$25,000.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**MARY McMAHON (3/5), GLENN LINDQUIST (3/6),**  
**HARRIET TAYLOR (3/6), NICOLE GILDAY (3/20),**  
**MADELEINE O'DONNELL (3/26), & JUDY BELLER (3/28)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**JOE & PAULA BAUGHN (3/9), & RAY & MARY McMAHON (3/20)**

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



## Vehicles for Sale

Also see additional offerings on Page 9

Denise Barone Creighton has continued her late dad's membership in the V-8 Club and our RG. She has decided to sell Sam's '46 Ford and '48 Plymouth - see below, along with many additional parts. **Contact Denise at 773-848-1006 or [dcreighton1014@yahoo.com](mailto:dcreighton1014@yahoo.com).** You may also contact the [editor](#) for more photos and a detailed description of the vehicles and parts.



**1946 Ford Super Deluxe Business Coupe**

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- **Asking price \$35,000 (Value is \$42,000)**



**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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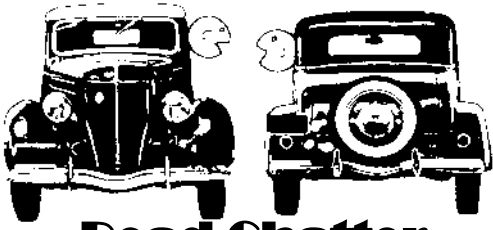
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NIRG Members and Friends at  
Starved Rock Getaway Weekend**