

ROAD CHATTER

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

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May 2022

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 12 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

May 14 Tour to Rosehill Cemetery. See Page 3 for details.

May 17 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 9 Happy Mothers Day!

May 21 57th Annual Little Hershey Swap Meet, Belvidere, IL, Boone County Fairgrounds, Admission \$7

May 29 50th Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 8 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission

May 30 Happy Memorial Day.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: The Gilday family with Scott's 1st Place AACA Trophy at the Auburn Nationals.



Attention Members

Be sure to come early to the May 17 monthly meeting for some tire kicking, beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, Raul Cartagena, a.k.a. "Ralph the Radio Guy" will be presenting a tech talk on antique radio repair as well as conversion to modern electronics including AM/FM, digital, USB, and Bluetooth.

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MEETINGS

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

I hope this finds everyone doing well at this time. It's nice to be moving on from the pandemic and being able to do car shows once again this summer.

We had our first pizza meeting in three years with 30 people showing up last Tuesday evening. I want to thank Este Scheve once again for setting up the pizza party.

It looks like Pat Maroney is going to have a good turnout for his Rosehill Cemetery tour he has been publicizing for the last couple of months. I hope many of you will be able to go; if you haven't already contacted him and you want to go, please do so.

Gary Osbourne is setting up a tour to Randy Yockey's museum. If you would like to see quite the collection that Randy has you may want to give Gary a call and go there; they will be serving lunch as well.

Hope to see more of you soon.

**FROM THE EDITORS**

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

We have great news to report that John & Robin Emmering have been awarded a Golden Quill Award by the editors of Old Cars Weekly for the 2021 Road Chatter. Congratulations!



We want to apologize in advance that the June Road Chatter will probably be late. We are leaving May 30 for the Eastern National Meet and will be very busy with preparing registration packages for a couple of weeks before we leave. We return on June 5 and hope to get the Road Chatter out as soon as possible.

A big thanks this month to Ciena and Reese Gilday for their contribution that is this month's feature story. They did such a nice job, we may be coming back to them for more! And while we are at it, we would love to have your input for Tech Corner and the V-8 Gals Page.

We have so many tours and events coming up that we gave Tech Corner the month off so we could give a summary of these events on Page 8. Please mark your calendars and join your fellow members when you can. After two years with very few tours and events, this should be an action-packed touring season.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Rosehill Cemetery Tour Saturday, May 14, 2022 (Rain Date May 21st)

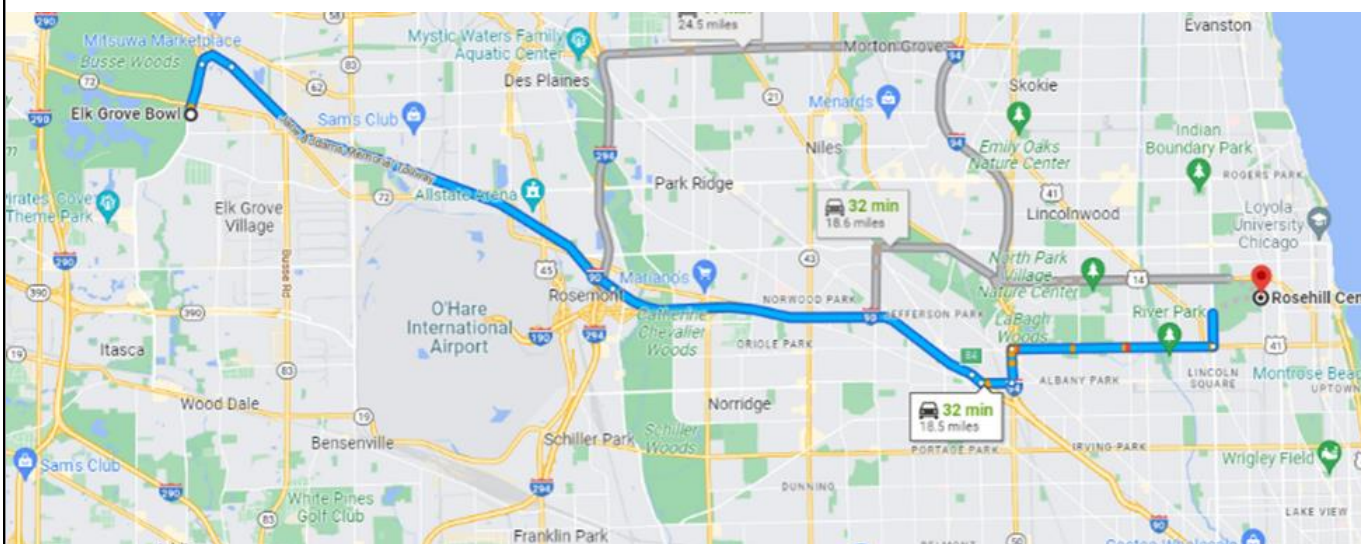
Meet at 8:30 am in the parking lot of Elk Grove Bowl, 53 S Arlington Heights Road (just south of Higgins Road). Be sure to drop in on Jarosch Bakery for the best donuts!

We will drive to Chicago's historic Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N Ravenswood in Chicago. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person for the tour guide.

Rosehill is Chicago's largest cemetery. Many prominent Chicagoans are buried there, including Aaron Montgomery Ward, his business rival Richard Warren Sears, John G. Shedd, philanthropist and president of Marshall Field & Company, Milton Florsheim, Oscar Myer, Cubs broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, and many mayors and governors. The cemetery has several mausoleums and memorials and even includes its own Civil War Museum.

After the tour, we will have a picnic. **Please bring your own picnic food and beverages. Don't forget lawn chairs.**

Contact Pat Maroney at 224-489-3196 for information or to sign up.



(Note: map shown for reference only - this is not necessarily the route that will be taken.)

Blowout Weekend Ends on Furry Note

By Ciena and Reese Gilday

Last Fourth of July, our dad was showing our '47 Ford station wagon at an AACA car meet in Auburn, Indiana and dragged us along. We had never been to Auburn before and were told there were some cool car museums there that we'd check out after the meet. Little did we know the adventure in store for us.

On the way there, we had a lot more excitement than we bargained for: Our dad's car trailer had two blowouts on the Indiana Toll Road within a half hour of one another. At this point, it was 3pm on Friday, not to mention, July 2nd — a holiday weekend. We were very lucky as our mom tracked down two new tires close to the nearest exit. A toll road truck had stopped to help us and allowed us to drive straight across the median in front of oncoming traffic onto the westbound exit ramp to reach the tire store, which was cool. After replacing three tires, we finally made it to Auburn in eight hours instead of four, but we were all happy to have made it in one piece.

Saturday was boring for the most part, but that was okay after Friday's drama. We hung out at the AACA meet all day, got a bad farmer tan, and saw some really cool cars. Our dad's Woodie received its first AACA Junior Award and it was nominated for a National Award too, so we were really happy for him.

Before heading home Sunday, we stopped to see the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. Being the Fourth of July, we had the museum to ourselves for the most part, which was really neat. From there we headed to our last stop: The EFV8 Foundation Museum. Our parents had brought our '41 convertible to its first EFV8 meet in Auburn almost 10 years ago, and our dad was telling us how they had expanded the museum since our mom last saw it. When we entered the museum, we met Josh, who was a member of the staff. He started telling us a story about a stray cat that had been hanging out by the museum a couple months ago. They decided it would be a good idea to add a mouser to the museum's staff and adopted it. They named her Clara after Henry's wife and had her checked out by the vet, and as luck would have it, she was expecting. And that's how Josh got his crash course in herding kittens.

As we walked around the museum, we heard squeaks coming from the back room. Our eyes met through the glass, and it was love at first sight. There it was, meowing and pawing on the glass door. We knew it would be the perfect addition to our cat collection. (We already had three cats and wouldn't mind a fourth, of course.) Josh tried to talk us into taking a kitten home with us, but our parents wouldn't budge. They finally dragged us out of the museum to start our four-hour drive home, and with each passing hour, the more we realized we couldn't live without that kitten.

A couple of days had passed, and all we could think about was our kitten. We knew we needed to have it, and being on summer vacation, we nagged our parents every second we could. After all, how often do you come across a kitten with a EFV8 pedigree? Our mom finally called the museum and Josh said all the kittens were spoken for except one. She made arrangements to pick our kitten up that Sunday. Of



Scott with all his helpers



Scott with First Place Award

course, waiting until then seemed like an eternity. In the meantime, we continued to hope and pray our kitten was the same one we had seen pawing on the glass.

Before we knew it, Sunday was here. When we got to the museum, we raced into the museum and there “she” was. And she was everything we had remembered and more. Josh took a couple photos of us in the museum with our new addition before we headed back home. Even though Josh said she was a girl, after playing with our kitten, we had a feeling our little she was a he, which is how he got his nickname “Little Man.” We eventually settled on the name Mochi for him to be consistent with our foodie cats Cheeto, Oreo, and Ginger. We also learned Mochi was born on Cinco de Mayo, which also happens to be our parents’ wedding anniversary, making him extra special. We like to say Mochi’s idle/purr sounds like a V8. And as you can see from the recent picture, he’s not a little kitten anymore and has grown to be a big furry boy.

Some might say we’re crazy to have four cats now, but we wouldn’t have it any other way. Besides, our dad still has way more cars.



Mochi, Ciena, Reese, Scott, and Nicole



APRIL 19 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

After a two-year pandemic hiatus, our 40th Annual Pizza Meeting was held on April 19. Thanks go out to Este and John Scheve for doing a great job of hosting and setting up the event.

Members, family, and friends began arriving after 6:00 pm and enjoyed visiting and a few beverages before the pizza was served around 7:00. The all-you-can-eat pizza was delicious and was accompanied by soft drinks and an open bar.

After everyone had their fill, President Ron Steck conducted a short meeting, mostly about upcoming events. Ron welcomed everyone to our first Pizza Meeting in three years and thanked Este for making the arrangements.

- Pat Maroney talked about the May 14 tour to Rosehill cemetery in Chicago and passed around a sign-up sheet. He reminded everyone to bring a picnic lunch and lawn chairs.
- Gary Osborne discussed the Drive Your V-8 Day event on June 18 consisting of a driving tour to member Randy Yockey's collection in Campton Hills.
- Ron Blum discussed the return of "A Night at the Races" at Hawthorne Park July 30.

VP Dan Pudelek and John Scheve had done a great job of selling 50-50 raffle tickets. The lucky winner of \$40 was John Emmering. Having recently retired and being in the process of building a house, the windfall was much needed.

Attendance: Our hosts Este and John Scheve, Vickie Beck, Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken Bounds, Tom & Judy Buscaglia, John Emmering, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge & Linda Luplow, Frank Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Joe & Millie Novak, Roger Obecny, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Slobodnik, John Slobodnik Jr., Ron & Colleen Steck, George & Dawn Zulas, George Zulas Jr. & Tammy Snider, and Tom Zulas & Denice Brussels.





10 Years Ago This Month – May 2012

On May 19 a group of 16 members drove seven Early V-8s and other vehicles down historic Route 66 to meet up with a group of 26 from the Rockford group for a joint tour of the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac. The Rockford group had six Early V-8s and other vintage vehicles.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 2002

The May Road Chatter included an article from Tom O'Donnell entitled *Why I Like My 1940 Mercury*. Tom also announced that the Club would have a website by the end of the month. On May 19 Ron Vaughan hosted a spring tour to Northern Illinois Classic Auto Brokers in Wauconda. Members in nine Early V-8s made the trip from Arlington Heights and were joined by others there, including Bud Guzzo who had been battling cancer. Lunch was at nearby Dukes Bar and Grill. Coming out of sick bay for the May 21 meeting were Ron Dopke (hip replacement), Terry Herzog (knee replacement), and Earl Heintz (arthroscopic knee surgery).

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1992

Lloyd & Gladys Duzell hosted an "old-fashioned garage tour" May 17. A mob of 63 participants in 18 Early V-8s and various other vehicles enjoyed the day starting with breakfast at the Duzells and ending with a late lunch featuring Gladys' bar-b-que beef back where we started. In between we visited the Duling, Bischoff, Adam, Vinyard, and Balough garages and homes. President Ken Bounds had to be ferried around due to being on crutches resulting from a torn muscle.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1982

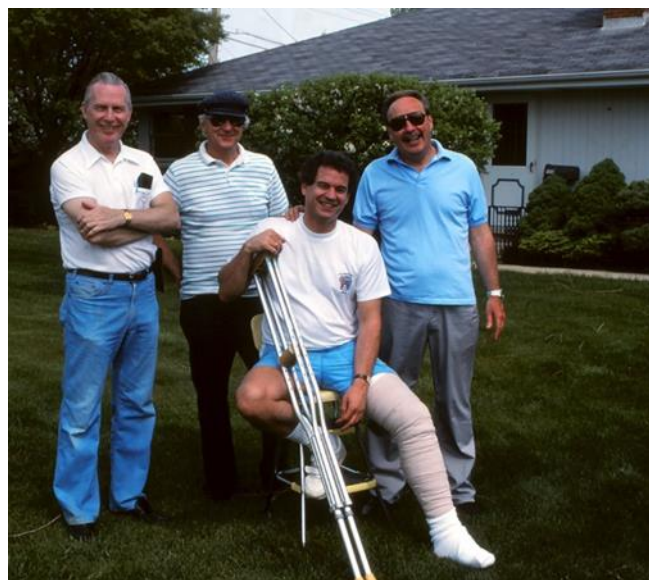
The 48 members and 4 guests who attended the May 11 monthly meeting enjoyed a presentation by John & Carol from Ogden Top & Trim. The meeting was delayed about 40 minutes because the Bensenville Village office had double-booked the room. (Time for a new meeting place???) A group of 22 plus family braved wet weather and a couple of breakdowns to attend a Galena weekend event May 21-23 hosted by Len & Irene Vinyard and Earl & Gene Heintz.

50 Years Ago This Month – May 1972

The group had a significant presence at the 7th Annual Grayslake show and swap meet May 7. At least 8 members brought out Early V-8s and several members brought parts to sell. A lot of planning had gone into our Club's first participation in this show.

Flathead Flashback

Some of our members at the May 1992 garage tour. Photo from Marty Duling collection.



MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Sunday, June 5 - Ron Steck would like to gauge interest in participating as a club at a neat event happening in the western suburbs June 5. It is called The Big Rock Classic Car Show and is held at Plowman's Park in Big Rock, located on U.S. 30 about 12 miles west of Aurora. This year they are commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the '32 Ford and have added special classes to the show for Fords 1940 and prior. The show is free! Hours are 8:00 to 4:00 pm with trophies awarded at 3:30.

If you are interested, please let Ron know. We will also discuss at the May 17 meeting. If you aren't driving back from the Eastern National Meet that day, this might be fun to attend. Bummer!

June 1 - 5 - Several of our members are attending the 2022 Eastern National Meet in Franklin, Tennessee. It is still not too late to register, but time is running out. We wish everyone good luck and hope they have a great time.

Sunday, June 18 - Annual National Drive Your V-8 Day. This year we will be having a very special event. We ask all participants to drive their V-8s (or other cars) to the meeting place at the McDonald's on North Avenue in West Chicago for a tour over secondary roads to our member Randy Yockey's museum in Campton Hills. Randy is always a very generous host to our club and will be providing food and refreshments. His museum, "Yockeyville" is a must see - you will not be disappointed. Gary Osborne is organizing this tour and will provide more information at the May meeting and in the June Road Chatter.

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 or by clicking [here](#).

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.

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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 RAY McMAHON (5/14), CAROLINE MIRELES (5/14), JOHN BAUER (5/17),
 FRANK KOEDER (5/18), IRENE VINYARD (5/18), & GARY OSBORNE (5/20)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6), MIKE & SUSAN FREUND (5/17),
 SAM & NINA VAN BRUGGEN (5/24), JOHN & ROBIN EMMERING (5/31), &
 PAUL & JOANNE LINZER (5/31)**



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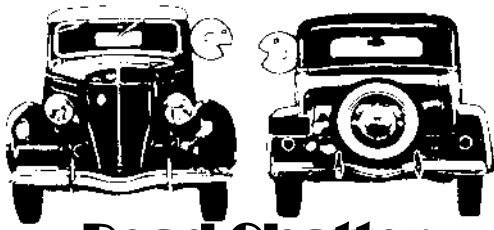
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Photo of the Month
The Gilday Family with AACA 1st Place Trophy
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