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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

November 10 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

November 12 - V-8s and Veterans Lunch, see page 3.

November 14 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm. Please note special Monday date!

December 4 - Annual Christmas Brunch - **RSVP required!** See page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

November 8 - Daylight Saving Time ends - remember to set your clocks back.

November 2 - Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Part of Our Group at the Ted Glowiak Collection.



Elections will be held at the November meeting. There will be another round of nominations to ensure that we have a full slate of officers for 2023. We need you to come to the meeting and cast your vote for our club's future. We will also have our traditional November turkey drawing for three \$25 gift certificates! Plan to attend.

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Ron Steck

Vice President

Dan Pudelek

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Ken Bounds

Treasurer

Ron Blum

Membership Chairman

Ken Bounds

Health & Welfare

Phyllis Madrigali

Tour Chairmen

Pat Maroney and

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. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

Send submissions to Editor, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or e-mail

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

As we enter the holiday season I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving. By now most of us have put our cars away for the winter season. I hope you were able to get out this year to do as much driving as possible.



We have nominated our new officers and board for next year and they will be voted on at the November meeting. I hope more of you will be able to come out and show support of the new board members and the new officers.

This will be my last year as president of our club and it was my honor to do that the past four years. Thanks.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

First, the important announcement. Please note that the November meeting will be on Monday, November 14 instead of our usual Tuesday date. The meeting room was not available on Tuesday. We really want to see a good turnout for the meeting as we will be selecting new officers and board members for 2023. One round of nominations has happened, but it is not too late to throw your hat in the ring and help guide the future of your club.



Last month we told you the story of the demise of our workhorse printer, but we had some slight hope of repair. Well, just like Jay Hinshaw's miracle trunk lid, our printer has been revived. After watching a YouTube video of the potential repair of our problem and ordering of an obscure part, we were able to repair the printer. It lives! It took longer to watch the video than to do the actual repair. What did we do before YouTube?

We want to thank Roger Obecnny for sending in this month's Tech Corner article. It may help a few of you. Meanwhile, this serves as a reminder that we always can use articles from you for the Tech Corner, our V-8 Gals page, and stories about your Early V-8s.

On page 6 we welcome new member Joe Griffith. We also want to say "Welcome Back" to Marshal and Sue Adams of Groveland, Illinois. Although quite a distance away, Marshal enjoyed being a part of our group since 2014 before taking last year off. We hope to see Marshal and Sue at upcoming National Meets.

Finally, a friendly reminder that dues are due. You should have received a renewal form last month. Thanks to the 36 members who have renewed.

Ken & Carolyn

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Veteran's Day Luncheon

Saturday, November 12, 2022 11:30am

The Patio BBQ Restaurant will be the location for another great event to support the Veterans in our life! Join us for lunch.

2780 S. Highland Ave, Lombard, IL

Just north of I-355 at Butterfield

Questions? Call Este Scheve 630.420.0029

Annual Christmas Brunch

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022

Time: 10am-12pm

Place: Granite City Brewery, 1828 Abriter Court, Naperville

Cost: \$25/person w/tax (all beverages are additional)



You won't want to miss the NIRG holiday brunch on Sunday, December 4th! This year we're headed to Granite City Brewery in Naperville for their renowned "Lawless Brunch." Be sure to bring your appetite, as their buffet has all your brunch favorites covered and then some:

- an irresistible assortment of breads and pastries, including their famous jumbo caramel rolls;
- BYO stations to create your perfect omelet, benedict &/ breakfast sandwich;
- a carving table with prime rib sliced just the way you like;
- weekly chef specials; and,
- a variety of salads, seasonal fruits, vegetables, and breakfast meats to choose from.

Please RSVP to Scott Gilday with your headcount via phone/text (312-953-6855) or email (srgilday@msn.com) NO LATER THAN Monday, November 28th.

Fall Colors Driving Tour to Ted Glowiak Collection By Ken Bounds

Ron Blum chose the perfect early fall day for a driving tour. It was Sunday, October 9. With bright sunshine, temperatures in the upper 50's on their way to the upper 60's, and leaves starting to show their colorful beauty, you couldn't ask for better conditions.

Gathering at the starting point on North Avenue with a nice showing of Early V-8s were Vickie Beck – 1941 Coupe, Ken & Carolyn Bounds – 1951 Mercury, Jay Hinshaw – 1940 Tudor, Pat Maroney – 1953 Victoria, Joey & Millie Novak – 1953 Mercury, John & Este Scheve – 1947 Coupe, and Ron Steck – 1940 Pickup. Driving modern were our hosts Ron & Arlene Blum, John Judge, and John Slobodnik.

After several of those present enjoyed a little breakfast at McDonald's we were off at 9:00 am on the 60-mile drive to our destination, the Aurora Airport. Ken had prepared detailed turn-by-turn driving directions and a map in case our group got broken up. After all, we had to pass through about 25 traffic lights before we cleared city congestion west of St. Charles. Amazingly, our caravan of ten vehicles stayed together like peas in a pod the entire trip.

The route west went through several small towns and featured some nice tree-lined areas with colorful leaves. Near Sycamore, the low-speed drive continued south and west through lots of cornfields (and other crops) until we got to U.S. 30 near Waterman. From this point we proceeded back east, again through small towns and a tree-lined roadway to the Aurora Airport.



John Scheve and Ron Blum check out a gas pump



Carolyn visits "Humphrey"



Most of our cars by Dick Portillo's hangar - John & Este's '47 Coupe was around the corner

Our host, Ted Glowiak, met us at the airport entrance with his wife, Karen, and his brother and led us to his hanger where his collection of vehicles and memorabilia packed the space. We actually parked our vehicles next to Dick Portillo's hangars; unfortunately, Mr. Portillo is renovating, so we couldn't see his collection this time. Ted and Karen were gracious hosts, answering our many questions about his collection and how he acquired it. In addition to Ron and Arlene's 1940 Ford Fordor (Humphrey) that they sold to Ted, he also displayed a 1909 Model T, a 1918 Cadillac that was used in World War I, a 1956 Oldsmobile, and more. The collection included antique gas pumps, an air pump, jukeboxes, and everything automotive. Ted and Karen offered us some Halloween candy and soft drinks along with chairs to rest in while we spent an hour or so enjoying the collection.

Before we left the hangar, a few of us went to take a look at Jay's stuck trunk. He had closed the trunk before attending the Friendly Ford show and was unable to open it. The key worked but on that day we tried nearly everything and could not open the lid. Today it was different. With renewed resolve, Jay, Pat, and Ken were able to persuade the jammed trunk lid open. It was a fall colors miracle!

Afterwards Ted and Karen accompanied us to the nearby Sugar Grove Café where we were served a delicious and filling lunch by an attentive waitress. Soon it was time to say our goodbyes and thank our hosts for a really fun event. Great friends, good food, gracious hosts and flawlessly performing old Fords (and Mercurys). What more could you want? Maybe just a correctly operating trunk! Good times.



Vickie seems to choose the car she wants to take home



Karen Glowiak discusses their collection with John Scheve and John Judge



1909 Model T



Jay looks with delight at his freshly opened trunk

SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Ken Bounds**

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership now stands at 69. He said that 24 renewals have already come in and that one former member, Marshal Adams, has returned. He mentioned that Joe Griffith from Glen Ellyn was planning to join. Joe is the owner of a 1936 Convertible Sedan.



Regarding National issues, Ken talked about registration status for the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year (currently standing at 123) and advised that he could take registrations tonight.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. We had a short discussion about the health of several members

Treasurer Ron Blum reported on income and expenses; the Treasury is in good shape.

Past Events:

- Ron Blum discussed his fall colors driving tour on October 9 followed by a visit to Ted Glowiak's car collection at the Aurora airport, which includes Ron's former '40 Fordor. The tour was followed by lunch at the nearby Sugar Grove Café. Ron thanked everyone for participating and thanked Ken Bounds for setting up the driving portion of the tour. Ken brought up the miracle fix at the airport of the stuck trunk lid on Jay Hinshaw's 1940 Tudor.

Upcoming Events:

- Ron Steck talked about the annual Veteran's Day luncheon on November 12 at 11:30 am at the Patio BBQ in Lombard. John Scheve passed around a signup sheet.
- Scott Gilday discussed the annual Christmas Luncheon set for Granite City Brewery in Naperville for December 4.

Then the fun began as it was time for nominations for new officers for 2023. Ron let everyone know that this would be his final year as President after serving for four years. After a lively discussion, the following slate was nominated: for President - Scott Gilday, for Secretary - Gary Osborne, for Treasurer, Ron Blum, and for the Board of Directors Vicki Beck, Ken Bounds, Pat Maroney, and Este Scheve. Ron will be on the Board as Past President. The new president will choose Vice President, Membership Chairman, Tour Chairman, and Health and Welfare Chairman. Another round of nominations will be held at the November meeting, followed by voting.

After the business meeting, Ken Bounds presented a tech talk on the history of safety glass and window trademarks, or "bugs." He discussed the history of V-8 Club members who sold kits to let users etch their own bugs onto window glass, from Fred Hayner to Roy Nacewicz/Rusty Davis to the current kit sold by Michael Driskell at Third Gen Automotive.

Ken did a demonstration of using the Third Gen kit to etch a 1936 bug on a piece of glass and compared it to a 1950 bug he had recently done with the Nacewicz kit. All thought the 1936 bug looked sharper. Ken also presented a multiple-choice quiz on the origin of the term "bug" for glass trademarks. The one person who got the correct answer was Rusty Medlin - he won a piece of glass with the Northern Illinois Regional Group logo etched on it by Michael Driskell.

The lucky winner of \$19 in the 50-50 raffle was Ron Steck. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Vickie Beck, Ken Bounds, Terry Freihage, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Rusty Medlin, Joe Novak, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, and Ron Steck.



10 Years Ago This Month – November 2012

The November Road Chatter included an article from Tom O'Donnell about the Great River Road National Driving Tour. Thirty-two V-8ers enjoyed camaraderie along with great food and drinks and outstanding service at our annual Veterans Day Luncheon held on November 10, once again at Sam's of Arlington in Arlington Heights. Scott Gilday was elected NIRG President at the November 20 meeting.

20 Years Ago This Month – November 2002

George & Betty Cech hosted a bowling event November 9 at Des Plaines Bowl. Everyone had a fun time and enjoyed the food and prizes. Although nine couples participated, several more who signed up didn't show up, leaving us \$114 short in what we owed the bowling alley. Earl Heintz, Jack Nikolich, and Ron Blum were the lucky winners in our annual "turkey raffle" at the November 19 monthly meeting.

30 Years Ago This Month – November 1992

At the November 17 monthly meeting, Ed Fontana showed samples of two new club sweatshirts being offered. Nominations were held for NIRG officers for 1993 with two members throwing their hats in the ring for Secretary and eight for the Board. Harry Sron, Marty Duling, and Jim Barnacle were the winners of the gift certificates for a Thanksgiving turkey.

40 Years Ago This Month – November 1982

Joe Novak again attended the November 9 meeting as a guest (will this guy ever join?). Len & Irene Vinyard hosted a ladies night out event November 20 at Drury Lane South in Evergreen Park. Thirteen couples enjoyed dinner and a Las Vegas type review *A Toast to Broadway*. The November Road Chatter included Chester Lawrence's detailed recommendation of tools and spare parts to carry when touring.

50 Years Ago This Month – November 1972

The November newsletter included details about the planned caravan to the Grand National Meet in Dearborn the following year. The newsletter also included a questionnaire to gauge interest in the Christmas Party after it had been skipped in 1971. The November meeting was held Monday, November 13, at Jack Loftus Ford in Willowbrook.

Flathead Flashback

Our group at Sam's of Arlington November 10, 2012.





TECH CORNER



How I fixed it. Without knowing what I was doing.

By Roger Obecny

I have a reasonably decent 40 Ford Deluxe Tudor. Owned it since 1989. Been through the usual things. Fixed a lot of mechanical stuff over the years. Had a few accidents. Insurance company (Grundy) came through, and I was able to make the car a decent driver.

So back to the story.

I found out that the car would not go over 60 MPH. Like running into a brick wall. Drive the car under 60 MPH and there never was a problem.

Foiled with it for a while. Couple of Good carburetors. Couple of Good distributors. Couple of Good Coils. Notice all parts are and were GOOD. Spent a few(?) weeks switching parts around. With no success. Asked everyone that I knew or met for ideas.

One guy said ask one of the Old Guys. I am 75. I am one of the old guys. You know where the other Old Guys are unfortunately.

I sent the Carb and Distributor off to New York for a rebuild, excellent job, but no success.

Talked to the only guy older than me and he said to jumper the Ignition Resistor. I said that I thought that the resistor was good(?). Because the car started and ran. Anyway, I took his advice. Amazing performance. Car started on the first turn, and ran like new money.

Replaced the ignition resistor. Ten minutes to remove the old resistor. Two hours to replace it. Upside down on the front seat. Trifocals, can't see squat. Dropped the resistor and nuts at least 19 times. (Magnetic pick-up tools are my new best friend).

Improved performance, at least 5 to 10 mph in each gear. Mileage improved from 10 to 15 mpg. Acceleration in third gear is almost as good as acceleration in second. Still has slight hot starting issues but I am working on that.

So, I drove to Auburn, Indiana earlier this year with no problems.

350 miles round trip, 15 MPG. It was the fastest car in the slow lane. It was the Green 1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor.

P.S: I forgot. I did drop a stainless nut. Notice a stainless nut, non-magnetic down the manifold while changing a carb. Ended up under the No.6 intake valve spring. Air Ratchets are another new friend.

Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Joe Griffith of Glen Ellyn. Joe owns a gorgeous, mostly original, 1936 Convertible Sedan. With the help of his son, Joe has recently installed a 1936 LB engine rebuilt by Michael Driskell. Joe is originally from this area and had a shop in Berwyn for many years. He recently returned to the area after a stint in Las Vegas. He has also joined the National Club.

We hope to see Joe at upcoming Club meetings and events. When you get a chance, be sure to take a look at his '36.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>September 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 23-25 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 9 Fall colors tour to private collection in Aurora 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 10 Board Meeting 12 Veterans Day Lunch, The Patio, Lombard 14 Member Meeting - note Monday date</p>	<p>December No Meetings 4 Christmas Luncheon Granite City Brewery, Naperville</p>
<p>January 12 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights (Tentative) 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>February 9 Board Meeting 11 Valentine's Day Dinner, Makray CC (Tentative) 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>March 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>April 6 Board Meeting 18 Pizza Meeting</p>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 LOU PRAZZA (11/3), JOE BAUGHN (11/7),
 TOM O'DONNELL (11/7), ESTE SCHEVE (11/7),
 MIKE FREUND (11/12), TERRY FREIHAGE (11/17), BOB MAGNUSSON (11/17),
 JOE GRIFFITH (11/21), AND TIM CARLIG (11/27)**



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

For Sale



This **1940 Ford 1/2 ton pickup** is a full restoration. The engine is a 1951 Mercury flathead, 3 speed transmission, Columbia two speed rear end. Frame is powder coated along with many suspension parts. New wire harness and many other items. Have all the records of the restoration and list of parts. **Asking \$60,000. Contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001.**

R-12 Freon 12oz can \$ 30. **Contact Roger Obecnny at 708-772-1925.**

Ray McMahon has sold his '36 Club Cabriolet - congratulations. Ray has several items for sale related to the '36:



Professionally rebuilt 1936 LB engine. The rebuild was done by Speed Performance Engineering and Dyno tested. I have documentation on all components that were used as well as video of the engine on the Dyno. Includes rolling stand. Price **\$11,750.**

Good set of original 36 cast iron heads, **\$175.** Original 36 Cam in good used condition, **\$85.**

Original Ford 8 Day Clock Mirror (pull string) with Mounting Bracket. Very Rare. Mint condition, **\$1,275.** Heart shape Vacuum Windshield Wiper Motor Chrome plated in mint condition, **\$1,050.**

Generator restored and tested by Joe Serritella, **\$275.** Original voltage regulator restored and tested by Joe S. tested together with the generator above, **\$100.** 1936 Ford Tool Set includes wrenches, jack, tire pump, tire irons, grease gun, screw driver, tool pouch and Reference Book 1936 Ford V-8, **\$500.**

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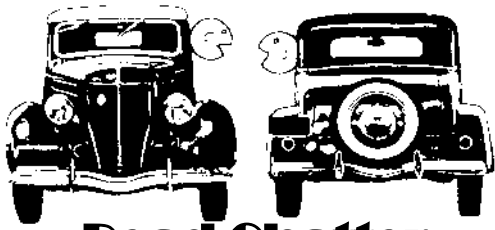


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**Photo of the Month
Part of Our Group at the Ted Glowiak Collection**