

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**October 9** - Fall Colors Tour, see page 3

**October 13** - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**October 18** - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.  
**Ken Bounds plans to present a tech talk on applying window "bugs."**  
**We hope you can be there!**



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**October 4-7** - Hershey! AACA fall meet, monster swap meet. Hershey, PA.

**October 31** - Speaking of monsters, Happy Halloween!

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**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month: Our members pose in front of our Early V-8s at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum.



Do you want to make a difference and have some fun too?

## NIRG is looking for you!

Nominations for 2023 Officers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and four Board of Directors positions will be held at the October member meeting. Elections will be held in November. Your participation is important!



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Ken Bounds

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Ken Bounds

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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  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Here we are it's almost October and our car season is drawing to an end. I hope most of you were able to get your cars out this past summer. We were able to get a tour with Ken's poker rally this past weekend and it was great until Sunday morning. We had a little rain overnight but nothing too bad.



We have a fall colors tour coming up on October 9 that Ron Blum has been putting together. Hopefully there will be more people coming out to go on that drive.

Our nominations are coming up in October for new officers and board members. Hopefully there are some of you that may want to become a board member or an officer in the club. This will be my last year as president of the club as I have done this for the past four years. If this club is to survive it would be nice to have more participation from the members.

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

As many of you know, we print the Road Chatter on a really large Xerox printer. We purchased it 13 years ago and have kept our fingers crossed as it aged and started displaying some reliability issues. Because the printer was showing its age, we agreed to resume publishing the Road Chatter only if it could be distributed by e-mail. This has worked OK for most of our members.



This month, the day we feared arrived. The printer has stopped working. We have ordered a part which might correct the problem, but we aren't very confident. We really aren't prepared to go shopping for a replacement as they are quite costly.

We will get the October Road Chatter out – no problem with the e-mail version. We have another sorta large printer, but it cannot print on "tabloid size" paper, so it will look different to you. Meanwhile, we ask each of you who is receiving the printed copy to let us know if e-mail is now an option for you. Maybe we will have better news next month.

Meanwhile, we want to thank everyone who participated in the Poker Rally and made it a lot of fun. We had really good weather to get the old cars out on the road before cold weather arrives.

We want to echo Ron's call for members to attend the October meeting and consider running for office. Ron has served as President for four years and it is time to get some new blood. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring for President, Secretary, or the Board.

Ken plans to present a tech talk on window bugs at the meeting, so maybe that is a reason to attend.

*Ken & Carolyn*

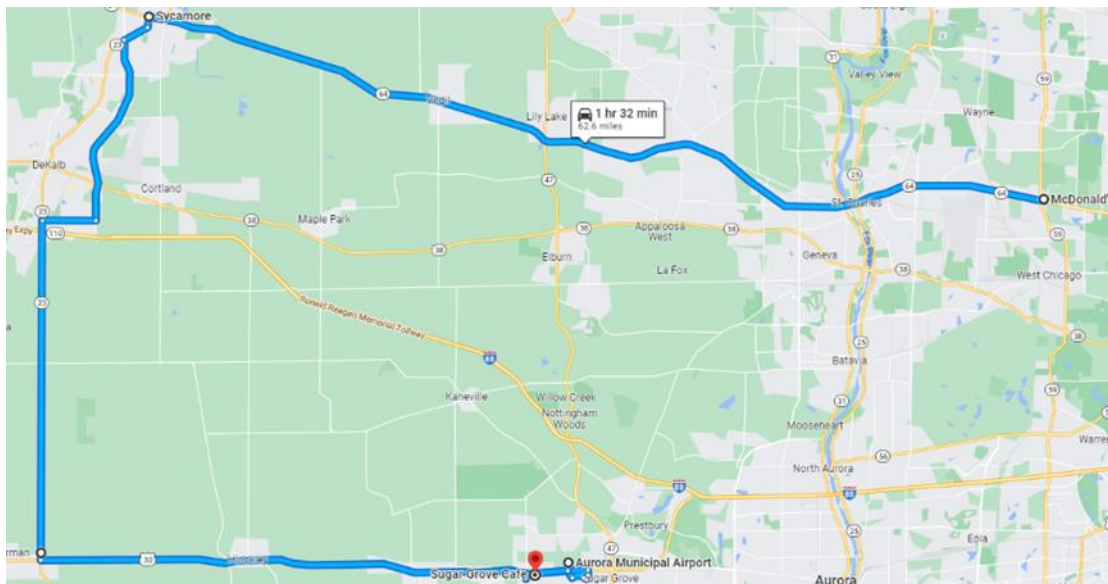
## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Fall Colors Driving Tour

Tour a private collection at Aurora Municipal Airport

Lunch at Sugar Grove Café

- Meet at McDonald's at the NE corner of North Avenue and Route 59 in West Chicago, leaving at 9:00 am
- Tour approximately 60 miles west toward Sycamore, south toward Waterman, then east toward Sugar Grove
- Proceed to Aurora Municipal Airport to tour private collection of Ted Glowiak - many cars and interesting memorabilia
- Lunch at 12:15 pm at nearby Sugar Grove Café



Approximate route - actual route may be different

This tour, arranged by Ron Blum, is a great chance to get our classic cars on the road one more time while weather permits. Also a chance for Ron to reunite with his 1940 Fordor at its new home! Everyone is welcome - bring your friends - modern cars always welcome.

### Mark Your Calendars for More Upcoming Events

**November 12** - Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon, the Patio BBQ in Lombard, hosted by Este Scheve.

**December 4** - Christmas Luncheon - Granite City Food & Brewery, hosted by Nicole Gilday.

**January 14** - (tentative) Annual Installation Dinner, Ki's Restaurant, Glendale Heights, hosted by Este Scheve.



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally

### By Ken Bounds

As has been the case for over 40 years, the last weekend in September signaled the time to head to the Lake Geneva area for our first driving tour of the fall. Except for the Covid year of 2020, each year since 2008 we have enjoyed the Annual Poker Rally which we started after the 30-year run of the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally.

Gathering in Arlington Heights on the morning of September 23 were Ken & Carolyn Bounds – 1951 Mercury, Dan Pudelek – 1950 Crestliner, John & Este Scheve – 1947 Coupe, and Ron & Colleen Steck – 1941 Station Wagon. In modern vehicles were Gary & Dawn Osborne, John Slobodnik and John Jr., and Larry Webb and Virgie Burnquist. We took our usual circuitous route to an old favorite restaurant, Local Folks, in Slades Corners, Wisconsin. There we were met by Doug & Gail Leicht of Burlington, Wisconsin and Dick & Linda Livingston of Springfield. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and began our poker game by drawing the first card.

After lunch we said goodbye to Dan who returned home. Our remaining route was over some really rustic roads that somehow managed to take us directly to our hotel for the weekend, the Delavan Comfort Suites. At the hotel we were met by Ron Dopke and his daughter, Cheryl Fischer. This year, instead of our car and people games, we finally took Dick and Linda up on their long-standing invitation to visit their home on the South Shore of Geneva Lake. Dick treated several of us to a boat ride; it was rather brisk on a chilly day, but we had a great time. A treat was to see from the water the lake home of the Mecum family – as in Mecum Auctions.

Friday evening we drove to an old favorite, Greenie's Clubhouse, to enjoy the fish fry or other selections. We drew our second card and had plenty of time to relax and visit – until we realized we were the only ones there. They always treat us great.

Saturday morning everyone drew their third card at breakfast and made preparations for our driving tour. This year we repeated the destination from ten years ago, the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford. We were happy that Doug & Gail were able to drive with us on this tour. Ron and Colleen also had friends Tony and Jenny Trackavich and their daughter Kelsea ride along in their station



Ready to go in Arlington Heights



"Skipper" Dick takes us for a ride



The Mecum home - it is bigger than the picture appears



wagon. We had a beautiful low-speed drive, mostly over the twisting route of the scenic Kettle Moraine Drive. Along the drive we saw deer, wild turkeys, and lots of sandhill cranes. Arriving in Hartford, we gathered for a very filling lunch at The Mineshaft, where we all drew our fourth poker card.

After lunch we drove to the nearby Wisconsin Automotive Museum. What a collection! In addition to being the primary museum for the Kissel brand that built autos and trucks in Hartford from 1906 to 1931, the museum also houses the Nash Museum and dozens of other brands. The Wisconsin short track racing Hall of Fame is located there, along with one of the few remaining operational steam locomotives in the U.S. There is even a Flathead Ford display from Doug's Badger State Regional Group with a cutaway 8BA engine donated by old friend Alan Egelseer. This is truly a "bucket list" museum.

After our visit, we posed with our Early V-8s in front of the museum and headed back over a different, and again very scenic, route back to the hotel.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a new tradition. With the hotel generously allowing us to use their meeting room, we had a private dinner once again catered by Greenie's. Even though we asked Chef George to cut back on the amount of food, there was more than we could eat. Many compliments were heard on the quality of the meal.

Este brought along a fun game; since we didn't play games on Friday, we played it after dinner. It was a matching game of flathead-era car parts to their proper names. A lot of fun was had, even if the men finished ahead of most of the women.



We had to dodge a lot of these Sandhill Cranes



Kissel built many vehicles from cars to firetrucks



Museum exhibit from Badger State RG #35, cutaway V-8 on right

Now it was time for a short program and drawing of the final card. Este Scheve was the lucky winner of the low hand with a 9 high! And for the second time Ron Dopke was the grand prize winner of \$100 and the Dick Alfini Memorial Winning Hand Award with two pair, aces and sixes.

With the weekend winding down, some of us went to the hotel lobby to solve a few of the world's problems. We thank everyone who attended and contributed to a really enjoyable weekend. Special thanks to Dick and Linda for their hospitality, to Este for bringing her game, and to our guests for participating in the Saturday tour. We already have our rooms reserved for 2023. Now to figure out where to go and where to eat.



Este displays the low hand while Ron shows the winning hand and receives the Dick Alfini Memorial award

## 2023 Dues are Due



It is time to renew your membership for 2023. At a recent Board of Directors meeting, the Board decided to make an adjustment in the amount charged for dues and restated the policy from a year ago about printing the Road Chatter.

In 2021, with the possibility that the Road Chatter would no longer be produced, the Board determined that the Road Chatter would be available only by e-mail except in special circumstances. That policy has been re-affirmed with the requirement that any new requests to receive the printed newsletter by mail would have to be approved by the Board.

For those receiving the printed edition of the *Road Chatter* through the mail, dues remain at \$25 per year. Because of reduced costs, however, if you receive the *Road Chatter* through e-mail only (no paper copy) the dues have been reduced to \$15 per year.

Those of you receiving the printed copy of the newsletter should find a renewal form included in this issue. Those of you receiving the newsletter by e-mail will receive the renewal form attached to an e-mail. The renewals have been filled out for you. Please check them for any errors or additions and return them, with your payment, to membership chairman Ken Bounds. The address is shown on the form.

We want members to be aware that it is quite costly to print and mail the Road Chatter. With the increasing cost of postage, the current cost per newsletter is \$2.00 per month, or a total of \$24 per member per year. We appreciate your understanding and helping the club save money.





### 10 Years Ago This Month – October 2012

On October 27, Tom O'Donnell hosted a Bacon and Eights breakfast at Billy's Pancake House in Palatine. Twenty-three members and family attended and four Early V-8s were in the parking lot. The October Road Chatter included an article about the passing of former National Director Jim Edison of Indiana, a good friend of our group.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – October 2002

Lloyd Duzell gave a report on Hershey at the October 15 monthly meeting. He said that it rained nearly every day and that you would never see his footprint again in Pennsylvania! Membership Chairman Lin Stacey advised that we had 84 members and that dues were due for 2003. Elections were held with all officers and board members returning for another year.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – October 1992

The NIRG Fall Swap Meet scheduled for October 18 had to be cancelled when the Ford dealership was sold and the new owners did not want the meet. At the October 20 monthly meeting Ed Fontana had club clothing and jackets available for pickup; Bud Guzzo showed slides from Hershey. Kitty Freihage hosted an Oktoberfest event October 24 in Mt. Prospect – unfortunately no report has been found.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – October 1982

Several members attended a Covered Bridge Tour and trip to the Newport Hill Climb October 1-3, hosted by Tony Spensieri. Len Vinyard got the only room with X-rated movies; hard to believe. Joe Novak attended the October 12 monthly meeting as a guest – topics included the proposal to include 1949-1953 Fords in the Club. At least 20 NIRG members attended the Hershey meet. A huge group of members and family participated in "Bob Mengler Day", a joint tour October 24 to Fontana, WI, with the Badger State Group to honor charter member Bob Mengler with a life membership.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – October 1972

The newsletter was back in October after a brief absence. A call went out to members for stories about their cars (hint, hint). The first meeting at Jack Loftus Ford in Willowbrook was held October 16. Topics included discussion of the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn in 1973. Chester Lawrence presented a demonstration of rebuilding an Early V-8 distributor.

### Flathead Flashback

**Some of our 20 members at Hershey, 1982. Who are these guys? One is still with us. Who is he?**



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

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Ron introduced a guest for the evening, Ciena Gilday, who was here to help her dad Scott with a presentation.

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

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership still stands at 68. He advised that dues would be due October 1st and that a renewal form would be included with the October Road Chatter. Ken discussed the reduction in dues to \$15 for members receiving the Road Chatter via e-mail and the intention of the Club to distribute the newsletter only via e-mail except in special situations.

Regarding National issues, Ken talked about registration status for the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year (currently standing at 106) and the possibility of Eastern and Central meets in 2024.

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

**Past Events:**

- Ron mentioned that all of the most recent club events were discussed at the August meeting. He did take a couple of minutes to discuss a recent trip he had taken with friends around Lake Michigan and described some of the attractions they visited.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Ken provided details about plans for the 14th Annual Poker Rally at the end of September and let everyone know that if they attended last year their rooms were reserved for this year.
- Ron Blum discussed the fall colors driving tour on October 9 followed by a visit to a car collection near the Aurora airport. The collection belongs to the man who purchased Ron's '40 Fordor.
- Ron Steck mentioned other upcoming events:
  - A Veteran's Day luncheon on November 12 at the Patio BBQ in Lombard.
  - A Christmas Luncheon tentatively on December 4.
  - The annual Installation Dinner at Ki's in Glendale Heights - tentative date January 14.

After the business meeting, Ciena Gilday kicked off the video presentation of the restoration of a 1941 Ford Sedan that she is assisting her dad with. With Ciena running the display, Scott presented several slides of the car as it was beginning to be taken apart, with current emphasis on the engine. In addition to the disassembly work and cataloging of parts, Scott said they were still in the process of determining just how far to go with the restoration (body off?) and what kind of product they were looking for in the end. For example, would it be a show car or a driver? In any event, Ciena did a great job with her presentation; Scott did OK too.

The lucky winner of the 50-50 raffle was Rusty Medlin. He raked in \$17; he didn't disclose where he planned to spend it. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Attendance: Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Ciena Gilday, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, and Ron Steck.





## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**COLLEEN STECK (10/2), JOHN EMMERING (10/5), DIANE CRANE (10/8),**  
**JOE SERRITELLA (10/9), JOE KOZMIC (10/11),**  
**DIANE PUDELEK (10/11), MICHAEL MOHAWK (10/15),**  
**TOM BUSCAGLIA (10/28), & LIN STACEY (10/29)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**DOUG & GAIL LEICHT (10/6), TOM & XIAOYIN BRECHEISEN (10/7),**  
**& FRANK & MARGARET KOEDER (10/30)**

**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.**

1940 Ford V-8 Flathead 221 c.i., Complete, Ran when removed from car. Needs to be rebuilt. **Asking \$350. Contact Roger Obecnay 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.**

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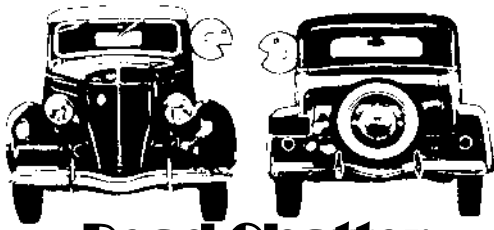
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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our Poker Rally Group at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum**