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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**September 8** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**September 20** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**September 23-25** 14th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - see page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**September 5** - Happy Labor Day.

**September 17** - Annual Orphan Car Show (open to discontinued brands) sponsored by Illinois Valley Olds Club, 1503 Clement St., Joliet, 10am - 3pm, \$15 show cars

**September 22** - Fall begins at 8:03 pm CDT.

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## Attention Members

Be sure to attend the monthly member meeting Tuesday, September 20. Scott Gilday will present a tech talk showing the steps he is taking and techniques he uses as he begins breaking down a 1941 Ford Sedan for restoration.

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**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 at the end of summer, another one is gone by. I hope a lot of you have been able to get out and drive your vehicles this summer. I haven't been able to get as much driving as I had hoped to.

We have elections for officers and board members coming up in October so if you were interested in running for those positions please be at our meeting in October.

We have a lot of things planned for this fall and into next year with tours. Look in the newsletter to see the dates of the tours if you would like to participate. We will be going to Wisconsin to the lake Delevan area at the end of September. If you were interested in doing this contact Ken Bounds.

There is a Grand National Meet in June in Dearborn. It is the 60th anniversary of the club. They have quite a few people registered and ready for this and if you were interested please get with Ken Bounds to register.

Hope to see you at the September meeting.

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

If you have already looked at the Want Ads page, you may have noticed that another vehicle is gone. Ray McMahon has sold his 1936 Club Cabriolet. While we congratulate Ray, that sale puts a period on a 45-year legendary story in the NIRG. You see, Ray had purchased the car from Marty Duling in 1996. Marty had led many Club tours in that car and was not afraid to drive it at highway speeds. It seems hard to believe that Ray owned the '36 longer than Marty did.



Back in 1974, editor Ron Dopke appealed to members to submit articles about their Early Fords for the newsletter. Marty was one of the first to do so, but that was for a 1935 Cabriolet! In 1986 Marty submitted an article to the Road Chatter about his 1936 Club Cabriolet. Because of the recent sale, it seems appropriate to reprint that article from long ago in this issue. We hope you enjoy it, along with our attempt to mimic the typewriter look.

We want to say thank you to Dee & Pat Maroney for sending in the article and photos from the Kalamazoo/Gilmore trip and to Gary Osborne and Este Scheve who also sent photos.

We had a very productive board meeting this month and really got moving in the events calendar for the rest of this year and well into 2023. Keep watching the Road Chatter for more details.

Still time to get those Early V-8s out!

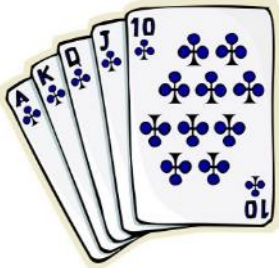
*Ken & Carolyn*

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### 14th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 23 - 25

The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! You are invited to join your Northern Illinois Group friends for a driving tour to the Lake Geneva area for our fourteenth annual poker rally Friday, September 23 through Sunday, September 25.

We will gather at 9:30 am at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads Friday morning September 22, **leaving at 10:00 am** for the tour to the Lake Geneva area. There will be a lunch stop about noon at an old favorite restaurant we haven't been to in years - you never know how we will get there.



We are staying at the Delavan Comfort Suites. If you had a room last year, your room is already reserved for this year. Although the deadline for reserving rooms has passed, if you do not have a room and want to attend, please contact Ken Bounds to see if we can find you accommodations.

We have planned a fun, relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants and plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing. We will be playing our traditional poker game with prizes awarded for the best poker hand and the worst hand. Weather permitting, we will be playing car games Friday afternoon.

Our Saturday driving tour will take us to Hartford, Wisconsin, where we will visit the Wisconsin Automotive Museum, home to many Kissel, Nash, and other classic automobiles.

**Please confirm with Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 or at [ken@boundshome.com](mailto:ken@boundshome.com) to let him know if you plan to participate in this event.** There will be a final confirmation at the September meeting so we can get a good count for reservations at various restaurants and tour stops.



### Mark Your Calendars for More Upcoming Events

**October 9** - Fall colors driving tour, followed by lunch at Sugar Grove café and a visit to a private collection at Aurora airport. Arranged by Ron Blum.

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

**December 4 or 11** - (tentative) Christmas Luncheon - location pending, hosted by Nicole Gilday.

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

*(Originally published in the February 1986 Road Chatter)*

### PROFILE OF MY FORD V-8

Owners: Marty & Leah Duling, Wheeling, Illinois

Color: Desert Sand

Accessories: Columbia, radio, clock mirror, hot air heater.

History: I owned a 1935 Ford convertible when I joined the club in 1973. With two small children in the rumble seat on club tours, we had trouble when it rained as there wasn't room enough up front for four of us. I decided I'd like a 1936 Ford Club Cabriolet, where we would all be under cover.

Alan Wall and I went to Hershey in 1976, and it rained every day, and Saturday was really bad, I had my wallet in my shirt pocket, the only dry spot on me. We decided to get dry clothes on and start home.

About 3 p.m. we stopped at a Dutch Pantry for lunch and struck up a conversation with a man in the next booth. He was a farmer from Horseheads, New York and was on his way home from Hershey. As he was about to leave he suddenly asked if we knew anyone that might have a 1935 Ford Cabriolet that would want to trade for a 1936 Ford Club Cabriolet. Alan said I was his man. His first car was a 35 convert and he wanted to restore one back to the same color, etc. as the one he owned in high school. We followed him home, about 150 miles north (considerably out of our way) and as soon as I saw the car I knew I wanted it.

After a long winter of exchanging letters and pictures of my car, he told me to bring the car out to him in the Spring and we would trade. So on March 25, 1977 Alan and I left for Pennsylvania and made the trade. That's how I got my car.

The car had been converted to a 1948 Ford steering column with column shifter which allowed three people to ride in the front seat. It had a hot water heater and hydraulic brakes. I installed a 36 transmission, and a 1937 steering gear box with a 36 column and repro banjo wheel.

I located a NOS hot air heater system, and an original 36 Columbia which I installed. I upgraded the car to make it a good, dependable touring car. The car had a 1940 engine which I replaced with a 1936 insert engine, but it gave me trouble, so I went back to the 1940 engine. I installed a two brush generator with the regulator hidden down on the fender inner panel. My good friend Lloyd Duzell restored the car body in 1981 and 1982 while I did the mechanical work. The engine was rebuilt, I installed a repro stainless steel gas tank, rewired the car and got it ready for the 1983 Grand National Meet in Dearborn.

The left rear wheel came off the car as I pulled into a gas station on the way home from Dearborn. Somehow all 5 lug nuts managed to come off at the same time. Lloyd accomplished the repair job, J.C. Taylor took care of the bills, I think I have all the "bugs" out of the car, and enjoy driving it on club tours.

I have had the help of many club members, over the years, with my car. Chester was always available to spin a distributor, or balance wheels, or give advise or fix a problem, Lloyd always had the answers or took the time to help me with the car. Other guys helped me locate parts, or literature, or whatever. And really, isn't that what a club is all about, a bunch of guys willing to help one another, and having fun along the way.

Miles driven: Probably about 10,000 miles, about 2000 since total restoration in 1983.

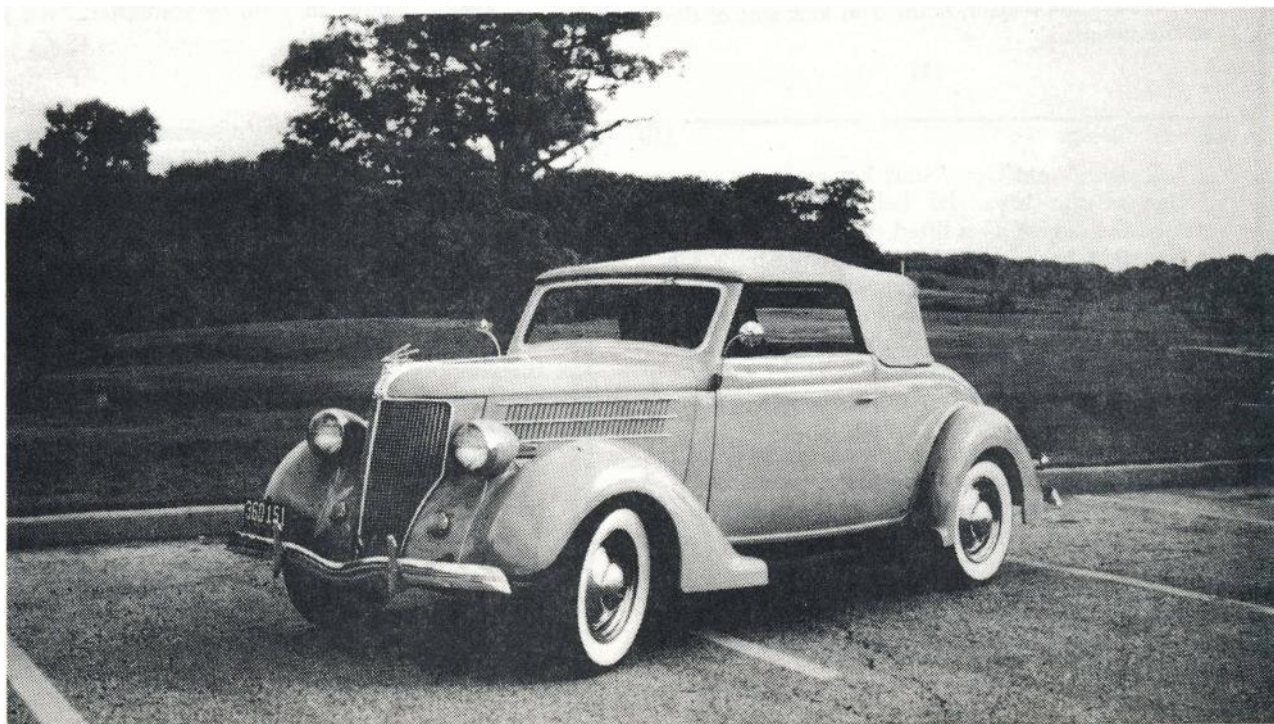
Outstanding features: Nothing like a convertible...put that top down on a nice sunny day and motor down the road. And with a Columbia, motoring in a Ford V-8 takes on a new meaning.

If I could change one thing: Lloyd and I used the only repro windshield frame that was available at the time, but I sure wish I had a windshield frame made of steel or brass, as the one in the car is made of aluminum with a questionable chrome job.

Worst thing that ever happened: Losing that rear wheel.

Misc: I wish I could trace the history of my car. I tried to contact the owner of the car prior to the guy that I purchased it from, but he had moved. Would be interesting to know more about the past life of the car.

Favorite trip: My favorite trip was to the Quad Cities Week End in June 1980. That was before the car was restored, and I wasn't afraid of getting rock chips in the paint, etc. We had a wonderful time with both our club members on that trip, and the outstanding people over in the Quad Cities Regional Group.



**AUGUST 16 MEETING MINUTES****Submitted by Ken Bounds**

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Ron discussed our recent Board Meeting and said we worked on putting together a calendar for club events over the next several months.

Health and Welfare Chair Phyllis Madrigali was not present. Ron Steck mentioned Tom O'Donnell was improving at home. Ron reported that we had received a thank you card from Alan Wall's family,

Membership Chairman Ken Bounds reported that membership still stands at 68.

Ken talked about various National Club issues, including the Grand National Meet in Dearborn next year and the possibility of Eastern and Central meets in 2024.

Treasurer Ron Blum was not present.

**Past Events:**

- Pat Maroney reported on the joint tour to Gilmore. He listed the names of the people attending and talked about having breakfast with the Northern Ohio folks. He talked about visiting the Air Zoo Museum in Kalamazoo, the Lincoln Meet at the Gilmore Auto Museum, and the record rainfall.
- Ken Bounds reported that several members had a fun time attending the hugely successful Customer Appreciation Car Show at Randy Yockey's Friendly Ford.
- Ken and others talked about the Night at the Races event held on July 30 at Hawthorne Race Course .

**Upcoming Events:**

- Ken talked about 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 talked about upcoming events discussed at the Board meeting:
  - A 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 Blum's '40 Fordor.
  - A Veteran's Day luncheon on November 12.
  - A Christmas Luncheon at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, tentatively on December 4.
  - The annual Installation Dinner at Ki's in Glendale Heights - tentative date January 14.
  - A Valentine's Day dinner at Makray Country Club in Barrington, tentatively February 11.

After the business meeting, Pat Maroney presented a short tech talk comparing the differences between traditional starters used on our Early V-8s and one of the new replacement starters. There was quite a bit of discussion about repairing the Bendix on starters.

Vice President Dan Pudelek was not present so there was no 50-50 raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Attendance: Vickie Beck, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Jay Hinshaw, Paul Linzer, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Bob Miller, Joey Novak, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, Ron Steck, and Larry Webb.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – September 2012

Ten NIRG members participated as our group co-hosted (with the Twin Cities Group) the first National Driving Tour, the Great River Road Tour. Twenty-seven members and 12 Early V-8s took part in the 5th Annual Poker Rally in Wisconsin. Our Saturday Driving tour took us through the Kettle Moraine Forest to Holy Hill in Hubertus. Robin Emmering won \$100 and the 1st Dick Alfini Memorial Award.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – September 2002

At the September 17 monthly meeting, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali were congratulated on their recent marriage. Long-time member Bud Guzzo passed away September 27; ten Club cars participated in his funeral procession. A large group of members and family drove 15 cars to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 27-29 – our group donated about \$700 to the Cancer Society at the event.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – September 1992

At the September 15 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported that we have 95 members and that it is time to think about paying dues for 1993. Ed Fontana gave a report on Club clothing and jackets he had arranged to purchase from a new vendor. Rich & Judy Doligale, Joe & Nell Kozmic, Joe & Nancy Novak, and Ken Bounds participated in the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally September 26-27. Nancy Novak had a winning hand of four tens.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – September 1982

New member Terry Freihaage was welcomed at the September 14 monthly meeting as was guest Joe Novak. The O'Connors and Lawrences hosted a garage tour September 19. Over 30 V-8ers stopped at seven homes with the final stop including a huge buffet, popcorn, and beer at the Lawrence home where Chester also gave several demonstrations. A large group of members displayed 19 Early V-8s at a show inside Stratford Square Mall, arranged by Earl Heintz, resulting in a \$500 profit to our treasury.

### 45 Years Ago This Month – September 1977

Forty-two people with 17 vehicles, including a dozen Early V-8s (one of which was the Heintz's newly-acquired '51 Mercury), participated in an overnigher to various Wisconsin venues, including Hales Corners Aircraft Museum, the Milwaukee Zoo, and the Brooks Stevens Museum. Torrential rain at the start didn't dampen the fun.

### Flathead Flashback

**Our group enjoying Friday Night Fish Fry at Greenie's Clubhouse during the 2012 Poker Rally.**



## Joint Tour with Northern Ohio Regional Group Kalamazoo, Michigan ▪ August 12-14 By Dee & Pat Maroney

Nine Northern Illinois members met at The Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum Friday, August 12th, including Gary and Dawn Osborne, Este and John Scheve, Terry Elliott, John and Robin Emmering, and Pat and Dee Maroney. After spending the afternoon walking and talking at the museum, most grabbed a bite to eat together and a few members returned to the hotel, pulled out the camp chairs, and continued the conversations long after the sun set.

The next morning, about 15 members from the Northern Ohio Group met our members for breakfast and we all toured together for the 30-minute drive to Gilmore Car Museum. There we all spent most of the day enjoying the multiple museums on the grounds and viewing over 100 Lincoln vintage cars which were on display at the National Meet for the 100th year of Lincoln. Although it rained lightly, on and off for most of the day, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of those who attended.

Sunday morning, the Ohio and the Illinois groups again met for breakfast before heading in individual directions on their way home. It was a wonderful trip with our small group of V-8 members as we shared stories, laughs, and lots of fun together. I guess most would say the highlight of the trip was meeting Jay Leno, but for me, hanging with the down-to-earth V-8 members was the best part.



Ford Model A Museum at Gilmore



Part of our group with members from Ohio



Lincolns lined up for judging in the rain



Dawn and Este attempt to steal a car



There is always room for dinner



## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### 9th Annual Customer Appreciation Car Show - Friendly Ford, Roselle

On August 13, NIRG member Randy Yockey hosted his annual Customer Appreciation Car Show at his Ford dealership in Roselle. On the same day the MARC hosted their annual swap meet at the same location. The event was a huge success - so popular that they were turning away show cars by about 10:00 am.

Randy was a terrific host providing free admission and free food and beverages to all attendees. The huge turnout of show cars was impressive.

Attending from the NIRG, our host Randy Yockey who had several classic cars on display along with Ken Bounds - 1951 Mercury, Jay Hinshaw - 1940 Tudor, John Judge - 1947 Lincoln, Tom Myers - 1945 Pickup, Joey Novak - 1953 Mercury, Dan Pudelek with son John and grandson Jack - 1950 Crestliner, and John Slobodnik with son John. We had a great time at the show and got together for lunch at a restaurant across the street. Jay won a "Top 5" trophy for his '40 - congratulations! Many thanks to Randy for this generous event.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**ARLENE BLUM (9/5), LINDA LIVINGSTON (9/14), SCOTT GILDAY (9/17),  
THOMAS WHITE (9/19), LOIS WALL (9/21), MELANIE MEDLIN (9/23)  
& DOUG LEICHT (9/25)**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**GARY & DAWN OSBORNE (9/8), BOB & RHONDA MILLER (9/11),  
RON & ARLENE BLUM (9/12), RUSSELL & MELANIE MEDLIN (9/23),  
ED & DIANE CRANE (9/24), & DAN & DIANE PUDELEK (9/30)**

**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.**

Over 50 years of V-8 Times and rosters in great condition, along with over 13 binders. Need to go to a good home. **Asking \$100 or offer. Contact Ron Dopke at 815-344-1335.**

1940 Ford V-8 Flathead 221 c.i., Complete, Ran when removed from car. Needs to be rebuilt. **Asking \$350. Contact Roger Obecný at 708-772-1925.**

Several Ford and Mercury engines. **Contact George at [pob41@juno.com](mailto:pob41@juno.com).**



Ray McMahon has sold his '36 Club Cabriolet - congratulations. See related story on Page 4. 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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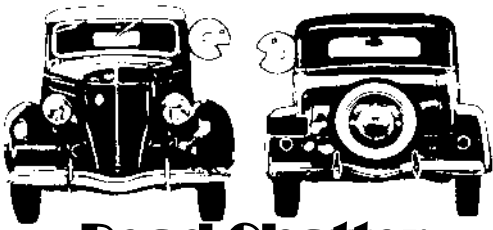
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**Photo of the Month  
Our Members at the Gilmore Car Museum**