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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

April 6 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

April 8 - Eggs & Eights Breakfast, Geneva. See page 3 for details.

April 18 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

April 22 - Tour to Klairmont Collections, Chicago. See page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 9 Happy Easter!

April 16 Strat's Diner Car Show, North Ave, Villa Park 10 - 3. \$15 donation for admission.

April 28-30 46th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Admission \$15 Fri, \$10 Sat Sun.

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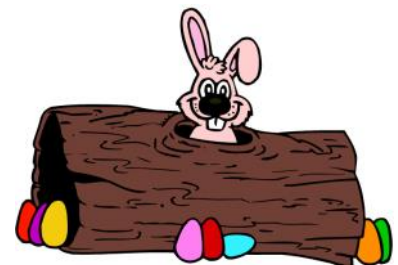
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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: A few of our members enjoying the Pizza Meeting: Pat Maroney, Lin Stacey, Justen Osborne and dad Gary,



Attention Members

We hope to see a lot of members at the monthly meeting April 18. We plan to have an open session to discuss what members have been doing with their Early V-8s and to take any questions you may have about V-8 maintenance or other issues. Plus, a reminder that coffee and treats are back! There even may be cookies available!

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

April is now upon us, although based on March's weather, it seems like winter hasn't quite been ready to let go of us just yet.



I'd like to thank Este and John Scheve for hosting our Pizza Meeting on March 21st. This is normally one of my favorite events of the year, unfortunately after going 2½ years without getting it, COVID finally got me and caused me to miss it. I've had all my shots and I'm feeling much better now. Fortunately, we have another event coming up this month that I look forward to attending, our April 8th Eggs and Eights at Egg Harbor in Geneva. Hopefully I'll see many of you there.

For those of you following my daughter's and my quest to restore our 41 Ford sedan, our story took a bit of a negative turn last month. We learned from our engine shop that unfortunately our 41 Ford block and crankshaft had apparently succumbed to the elements (freezing water likely) and are unusable. Both the block and the crankshaft have irreparable cracks that make them unusable. So, we are now on the hunt for a rebuildable 41 block that we can use. If there is anyone in this group that knows of one, please let me know. We'll need all the help we can get. On a more positive note, we took the car's transmission apart (below), at it looks to be in pretty good shape. On first inspection, the case seems to be solid and the gears are all in good working order with no damaged teeth. We'll hopefully be okay only having to replace some bushings and bearings.



For this month's mystery, I acquired the pistons and rods pictured on right with my 47 Ford Woodie project back in 2009 and I have no idea what they are. They are 3 ¾" inches in diameter and roughly 10 ½" long. Does anyone know what they are? As they appear to be lighter duty than more modern pistons and rods, I'm guessing they're older than an early V8. The gentleman I purchased the car from was a Ford guy, so I think they might be from a Ford product, but I'm not sure. Any thoughts? I am also happy to donate the pistons to a good home, should anyone want them.



I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities.

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 editor@nirgv8.org or call 630-858-9474 Publishing deadline is the 25th of the month.

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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Eggs & Eights - Saturday, April 8

Welcome Spring with a visit to Geneva for Eggs & Eights. 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**, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. at Egg Harbor Café, 477 S 3rd Street in historic Geneva.

After breakfast there is plenty of opportunity for shopping in over 100 specialty shops nestled in historic storefronts and charming Victorian style homes. Cross your fingers that the extended weather forecast is accurate with a predicted high around 60 - we hope several members will be able to drive their Early V-8s, 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 and have not already signed up, please confirm with Ken or Carolyn Bounds at 630-858-9474.



Klaimont Kollections Museum Tour - Saturday, April 22

Jay Hinshaw has arranged for us to tour the Klaimont Kollections Automotive Museum in Chicago. The museum is located at 3117 N. Knox Ave, Chicago.

Secure Parking for your V-8 Bring the Family

We will meet at the museum at 10:00 am, Saturday, April 22. Everyone is encouraged to bring a bag lunch. We will break for lunch at noon in the museum's 50's-Style café before continuing to tour for as long as you like.

Admission to the museum is \$20 per person. There was a signup sheet passed around at the pizza meeting and it will again be circulated at the April 18 monthly meeting. If you would like to attend and have not already signed up, please contact Jay at 773-791-6494.



The late Larry Klaimont, who passed away in 2019, was the proud ambassador of this magnificent showplace encompassing 100,000 sq. ft. on two floors, consisting of over 300 of the most stunning, impressive and clever vehicles any car enthusiast could hope to see during one's lifetime!

Annual Pizza Meeting By Este Scheve

On March 21 the pizza meeting was held at Papa Passero's in Westmont. It is a great place to have a meeting when our regular meeting room is not available. The pizza is delicious and all you can eat! It was really nice to see Lin Stacey at the event, along with others we don't get to see that often, such as Paul & Joanne Linzer and Terry & Kitty Freihage

Members, family, and friends began arriving around 6:30 and spent some time together catching up and enjoying a beverage. Around 7:00 the piping hot pizza was served. Unfortunately, President Scott Gilday came down with Covid and could not attend, but VP Jay Hinshaw stepped up and did a great job. After selling 50-50 raffle tickets, Jay announced upcoming tours. Ken Bounds passed around a signup sheet for the Eggs & Eights breakfast April 8 in Geneva and Jay passed around a signup sheet for a visit to the Klairmont Kollection on April 22.

After everybody had their fill of pizza, the winning number in the 50-50 raffle was pulled with none other than Treasurer Ron Blum taking home a cool \$23.

Those enjoying the food and drink included Vickie Beck, Ron and Arlene Blum and their friend Audrey Rohlinger, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Terry and Kitty Freihage, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge and his friend Linda Luplow, Paul and Joanne Linzer, Pat Maroney, Gary, Dawn and Justen Osborne, Dan and Diane Pudelek, John and Este Scheve, John Slobodnik, Lin Stacey, and Ron and Colleen Steck and their friend Larry Hunkele. (Photos below and on next page.)



Carolyn & Ken Bounds, Hosts Este & John Scheve



Paul & Joanne Linzer, Dan & Diane Pudelek



John Slobodnik, Dawn Osborne, Ron Blum



John Judge, Linda Luplow, Terry & Kitty Freihage



Ron & Colleen Steck, Larry Hunkele



Arlene Blum, Vicki Beck



V-8 Gals

Thanks once again this month to Millie Novak for providing this recipe for
Onion Pie

Ingredients:

- ◆ 6 – 8 medium onions thinly sliced
- ◆ 2 tbsp canola oil
- ◆ 6 eggs
- ◆ 1 cup soft breadcrumbs
- ◆ ½ cup grated parmesan
- ◆ ½ cup minced fresh parsley

Sauté onions in oil until soft; drain well.

In large bowl whisk eggs, stir in bread crumbs, cheese, parsley and onions.

Place in greased 10" pie plate. Bake at 350 for 35 – 40 minutes

Helpful Hint: 1 slice bread = ½ to ¾ cup crumbs in food processor

Millie says – “Terrific side dish. Serve with just about any main dish.”

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

April Fool's

Regular readers of the Road Chatter know that in most years we try to sneak in a clever April Fool's article. Either Honest Abe or P.T. Barnum is supposed to have said "You can fool some of the people some of the time...." Well, that first part has actually happened a few times over the years. Sorry.



Anyway, we had some ideas for 2023. But they are getting harder to make relevant and believable, so we wondered if technology might help. Along comes ChatGPT. If you haven't heard about ChatGPT yet, you will. School teachers are terrified of its impact on education. But, what the heck - this is a car club. What can it hurt? So we decided to give it a shot. Instead of writing our own article, we gave the robots a chance. We set up an account and proposed this to the Artificial Intelligence engine: "Write a short April Fool's article about the Early Ford V-8 Club of America." Word-for-word, below was the output.

The Early Ford V-8 Club of America, a well-respected organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Ford vehicles manufactured from 1932 to 1953, has announced a shocking new development in the world of classic cars.

According to a recent press release, the club has partnered with a team of engineers to develop a revolutionary new fuel injection system for vintage V-8 engines. The new system promises to boost horsepower, reduce emissions, and improve fuel efficiency, all while retaining the classic look and sound of the original engines.

But there's a catch: the fuel injection system will be controlled by a smartphone app, allowing drivers to adjust fuel flow and engine performance on the fly. The app will even include a virtual dashboard with customizable gauges and dials, giving drivers a futuristic and high-tech driving experience.

"We're thrilled to introduce this cutting-edge technology to the classic car community," said a spokesperson for the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. "We know that some purists may be hesitant to embrace such a drastic change, but we believe that this new fuel injection system will help to keep vintage V-8 engines relevant and exciting for years to come."

While the announcement has caused some controversy among classic car enthusiasts, many are excited to see what the future holds for the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and their innovative new technology. Only time will tell if the new fuel injection system will be a hit or a miss, but for now, it's sure to be a hot topic of conversation in the world of vintage cars on this April Fool's Day.

OK, does this mean we are out of a job? Maybe. If the robots can write our April Fool's article, what is next? Our tour to the Klairmont Collections? OMG - we tried just that and you can't believe the great article it wrote. We will show it to you at the April meeting.

There is only one way to defeat the onslaught of the robots. We need your input to the Road Chatter. Tech Articles, V-8 Gals articles, stories about your cars, and yes, results of tours and other events. If we don't do this, the machines will win. Now if we can just get them to figure out if it is fuel or spark....

Ken & Carolyn



TECH CORNER



Spark Plug Restoration

There have been some discussions on the Fordbarn recently about concours-correct spark plugs for Early V-8's. In particular, a member from Virginia is looking for correct plugs for his 1938 Ford. Finding correct plugs for Early V-8 judging is getting very difficult and the point deduction is high – 8 points for incorrect plugs. This article is not about determining the correct plugs or finding them, but the conversation reminded me about the restoration I attempted on spark plugs a couple of years ago.

From 1933 to early 1938, Ford used a three-piece Champion 7 plug. I had a set of these plugs that needed some work. The bases of some had been painted and I wanted to get them to the original black finish. I had learned that gun blue is the preferred way to restore the proper finish of the bases. I bought a container of gun blue on Amazon and basically followed the directions on the bottle. Here is my process.

1. Disassemble each plug
2. Use fine steel wool to polish ceramic insulator and brass pieces. Also clean up any copper pieces that come loose and keep them with each plug
3. Remove all paint and rust from the metal pieces - I used a wire wheel for cleanup
4. Clean metal items with a degreaser
5. Rinse and dry thoroughly - I used paper towels and an air can
6. Hold metal pieces with pliers and apply gun blue. Foam swab recommended, but I used Q-tips; foam would probably work better. You may want to wear gloves
7. Wait 30 seconds or so, then rinse in cold water.
8. Wipe dry, then buff with steel wool. Don't be afraid of the steel wool – you can't rub the finish off
9. Repeat steps 5-8
10. I did the process three times.
11. Let the pieces cure 24 hours, then apply Gibbs Oil for a nice, preserved finish.
12. Reassemble plugs

The pictures below will probably not do justice to how well this process worked - they look pretty good in person. On the left are three Champion 7 plugs as I found them. Note that the plugs on the left and right appear to have the bases painted. Next are the same three plugs after the cleanup and bluing process. The single plug to the right is an NOS plug - VERY hard to find. To the right of it is a three-piece plug disassembled. Finally, to the right for comparison are a couple of Champion H-10 "coke bottle" plugs. Note the shape and the two ribs



Before restoration

After restoration

NOS

3-Piece

Early H-10



10 Years Ago This Month – April 2013

On April 16, Ken & Carolyn Bounds hosted the Annual Pizza Meeting at Roundhead's of Lombard. As the group of 41 hungry members and guests began streaming in to our private room, a few went out to the parking lot to see Ken & Carolyn's new acquisition, a 1951 Mercury, which happened to be the only Early V-8 in the parking lot. On Sunday, April 21, 29 V-8ers (and seven V-8s) gathered for the popular Eggs & Eights Breakfast, arranged again in Geneva by Tom & Judy Buscaglia.

20 Years Ago This Month - April 2003

The April Road Chatter included certificates for the newsletter's 4th Place and Most Improved awards. On April 15 thirty-nine members and family celebrated completion of their tax returns at the annual Pizza Meeting at John's Pizza in Addison. President Ken Bounds relayed the sad news of the passing of member John Pater; several Club cars participated in his funeral procession. Ken also reported that JoAnne Stack was recovering from an emergency appendectomy.

30 Years Ago This Month - April 1993

The annual NIRG swap meet held April 4 at Nives Rizza Ford in Orland Park was a big success with almost \$1,250 added to the Treasury. The annual Pizza Meeting was held April 20 at John's Pizza in Addison. On April 25, 15 NIRG members staffed the start/finish line at Zurich Towers at the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event. Members helped walkers register, stuffed and distributed goody bags, and put on a show with eight Club cars. Our group also raised \$1,000 in donations to the March of Dimes.

40 Years Ago This Month - April 1983

A huge crowd of 57 attended the Third Annual Pizza Meeting April 12 at John's Pizza in Addison. The April Road Chatter included a flyer for the First Annual V-8 Club Swap Meet, to be held April 17 at Elmhurst Chrysler, organized by Bill Balough and Ron Ek. The meet was a big success with many members volunteering to help and profit of over \$965 to the Club for their efforts.

50 Years Ago This Month - April 1973

An April 7 car show at Jack Loftis Ford was a big success on a chilly but sunny day with 11 members' Early V-8s on display. The April newsletter announced that the big raffle prize at the upcoming Grand National Meet in Dearborn was a 1973 Pinto station wagon. (Do any of you remember who won that Pinto? We know that some of you do and he is still a very active V-8 Club member).

Flathead Flashback

A few of our cars at the April 2013 Eggs & Eights Breakfast.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 12 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights 17 Member Meeting	February 9 Board Meeting 11 Valentine's Day Luncheon, Makray CC 21 Member Meeting	March 9 Board Meeting 21 Pizza Meeting	April 6 Board Meeting 8 Eggs & Eights, Geneva 18 Member Meeting 22 Klairmont Kollections tour
May 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	June 8 Board Meeting 11-17 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI 17 National Drive your V-8 Day	July 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	August 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting
September 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	November 9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 21 Member Meeting	December No Meetings

Happy Easter and Passover

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
DEE MARONEY (4/2), TOM BRECHEISEN (4/7), JUDY MYERS (4/7),
RON VAUGHAN (4/23), XIAOYIN BRECHEISEN (4/25),
ROBIN EMMERING (4/28), & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20),
KIM & BENNY TAYLOR (4/25), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25),
TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28), MARSHAL & SUE ADAMS (4/29),
JORDON & JUDY BELLER (4/30), & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)



AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.



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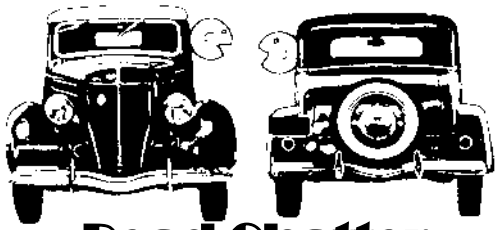


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Some of our group at the Annual Pizza Meeting