

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

January 31 - Deadline to RSVP for Valentine's Day Luncheon - see Page 3.

February 9 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

February 11 - Valentine's Luncheon. See Page 3 for details.

February 21 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your special person.

Feb 19 31st Annual BOPC Swap Meet & Car Corral, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles. 8am - 2pm. \$7 admission.

Feb 11-20 115th Annual Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$15 adult, \$10 seniors 62 and older.

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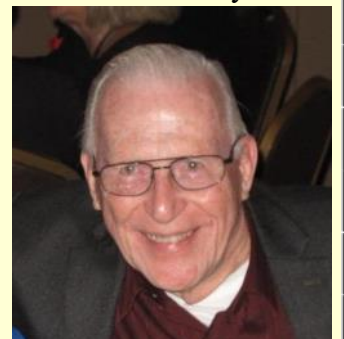
Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our Group at the Annual Christmas Brunch in Naperville



Lifetime Membership Awarded

At the Annual Installation Banquet, incoming President Scott Gilday made the important announcement that the Board of Directors had awarded a Lifetime Membership to Tom O'Donnell.

This honor is well deserved. Tom joined the Northern Illinois Regional Group in July 1977. He served as our President in 1996 and 2012. Over the years he has served as Vice President, tour chairman, two years as membership chairman, and 20 terms as a member of the Board!



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Ken Bounds

Pat Maroney

Ron Steck

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT'S BETTER HALF

Thanks to everyone who came to the installation dinner January 14th. As first lady, I'm sorry to have missed it. Our daughters, Reese & Ciena, had an Irish dance competition in New Orleans that weekend. And as luck would have it, Scott had a flight credit that expired that same weekend. The only way he'd come with us is if he could still make it to the installation dinner. So he flew out with us Thursday evening and flew back at the crack of dawn Saturday morning on a 5am flight. Needless to say, he takes his job as NIRG President very seriously.



The Gildays riding in an authentic Venetian gondola in New Orleans

For a change of pace, I wanted to spare you the usual president's message lamenting the winter weather this time of year. With Valentine's Day approaching, I thought I'd share some fun facts you may or may not know about Scott's sweetheart and our backstory.

- I grew up out East in Maryland but spent my summers in the Midwest visiting my grandparents in Chicago and Wisconsin (where my mom and dad had grown up, respectively).
- Scott and I met in 2000 at a party with a "famous couples" theme. Scott was "Barney," but didn't hit it off with Betty. I was "Miss Piggy," and Kermit was pretty slimy as frogs go. Though it's worth noting, I had been an avid Flintstones fan when I was younger, and Barney had been my favorite character. Scott was pretty good about providing me with a steady supply of "vodka & cranberry" drinks that evening, and as they say, the rest is history.
- We were married at Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University (my alma mater) and had our reception at Independence Grove in Libertyville.
- For our honeymoon, we traveled to New Zealand, which is why sauvignon blanc is our favorite wine.
- We've been married for 16 years, and our anniversary falls on Cinco de Mayo (AKA Cinco de Mochi to us since it's the birthday of our EFV8 Foundation cat, Mochi).
- My last name is not Gilday, but I'm not offended if you assumed it was.
- I'm also a Dr. – the PhD variety. To score brownie points with me, instead of "Yes ma'am," Reese and Ciena will say "Yes, doctor."

P.S. – If you missed the Jan. 31st deadline to RSVP for the Valentine's Lunch at Makray in Barrington on Feb. 11, contact Scott at 312-953-6855 ASAP. We'd love to see you there!

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**2023 Valentine's Luncheon**

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023

Time: 11 am

Place: Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy, Barrington

Cost: \$37.35 per person (coffee/iced tea/soft drinks are included; other beverages are additional; attendees will pay their server directly)

Your new president invites you and your sweetheart to join him and his better half, Nicole, at Makray Memorial Golf Club for the club's annual Valentine's Luncheon.

Menu**House Salad**

with choice of dressing

Your Choice of Entrée Selections:

served with fresh rolls and butter

**Petite Filet**

*4oz petite filet served with cabernet garlic demi,
roasted garlic mashed potatoes & grilled seasonal vegetables*

Chicken Piccata

*lightly breaded and seared, served with angel hair pasta,
lemon caper butter and green beans almandine*

Grilled Salmon

Smoked tomato butter, wild rice blend and braised spinach

Vegetarian Stuffed Shells**Dessert**

Please RSVP to Scott Gilday with your headcount via phone/text (312-953-6855) or email (srgilday@msn.com) NO LATER **THAN January 31.**

Annual Installation Dinner By Este Scheve

Eighteen members of the NIRG joined together for fellowship, fun and a purpose at the dinner held January 14, 2023, at Ki's Restaurant and Steakhouse. The fun was before the dinner during cocktail hour when members greeted each other and caught up on each other's news. The fellowship was sharing our family style meal of chicken, pasta, vegetables, mashed potatoes and roast beef along with soup, salad and an ice cream dessert. The purpose was to install the new officers and board of directors. Additionally—and a surprise—was the presentation to Ken and Carolyn Bounds of a certificate from the National V-8 Club for first place in the annual newsletter competition!! We, as members, are spoiled as many of us, I'm sure, take the newsletter for granted.

New president Scott Gilday thanked the outgoing officers and introduced the new officers and board. He was also the person to present the certificate to Ken and Carolyn Bounds. Dan Pudelek, outgoing vice-president lead the pledge to "So Help Me Henry" for all the incoming officers and board.

Those attending the dinner were Vickie Beck, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Ron Blum, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Pat and Dee Maroney, Joey and Millie Novak, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Dan and Diane Pudelek, John and Este Scheve and Ron and Colleen Steck.



Dan, Joey, & Scott - social hour



Dee, Pat, Gary, and Ron S



Scott presents First Place award to Ken & Carolyn



John, Scott, Joey, Millie, Dan, Diane, Ken, and Carolyn



Colleen, Dawn, Jay, Vicki, and Ron B

V-8 Gals



This month's V-8 Gals recipe comes from the kitchen of Este Scheve. Thank you Este for the contribution.

Focaccia

Dough

- 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 1/2 cups water, warm
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 3 1/2 cups A.P. flour
- 1 tablespoon instant yeast

Topping

- 1 tablespoon (13g) olive oil, for drizzling
- Dried herbs

Directions

1. Use non-stick vegetable oil spray to lightly grease a 9" x 13" pan. Drizzle about 2 tablespoons of the olive oil atop the spray; the spray keeps the bread from sticking, while the olive oil gives the bottom crust great flavor and a bit of crunch.
2. Measure flour into bowl and combine the remaining 3 tablespoons of the olive oil with the rest of the dough ingredients, and beat at high speed with an electric mixer for 60 seconds.
3. Scoop the sticky batter into the prepared pan, cover the pan, and let it rise at room temperature for 60 minutes — it should be quite puffy.
4. While the dough is rising, preheat the oven to 375°F.
5. Gently poke the dough all over with your index finger.
6. Drizzle it lightly with olive oil, and sprinkle with dried herbs. I like to use some oregano, basil, garlic powder and sometimes dried onion. Use the combination you like, but it's a sprinkle, not a cover!
7. Bake the bread until it's golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes.
8. Remove it from the oven, wait 5 minutes, then turn it out of the pan onto a rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Note: For just the two of us, I use half the ingredients in an 8"x8" pan.

Phyllis Madrigali
May 4, 1943 - January 6, 2023

This past month we had to say goodbye to long-time member Phyllis Madrigali who passed away after a long illness. Frank and Phyllis were married in August 2002.

For the past nine years Phyllis served as our Health and Welfare Chair. She was always prompt with sending condolence cards, and flowers, or other donations on behalf of the club when members or family members were ill or passed away.

Even though it became increasingly difficult for her to get around, Phyllis attended many club events over the years and attended most meetings to update us on the health of others. We will miss her smiling face and her great attitude.



FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

"Just When I Thought I Was Out, They Pull Me Back In!" Michael Corleone.

In the summer of 2018, we decided to take a break from editing and publishing the Road Chatter. We thank John Emmering for taking over for 36 issues until his planned move to Indiana. When John announced his future plans, we decided to take another stint at the keyboard beginning in January 2022. In some form of trickery, the system is trying to keep us here.



We are humbled to report that Early Ford V-8 Club Newsletter Judge Bill Wilson has selected the Road Chatter as the First Place regional group newsletter in the U.S. This is a great honor for us and our group; this is the Road Chatter's eighth first place award since Diane Wrobel won in 1982, the third year of the newsletter competition.

Of course, we cannot do this without you, our fellow Northern Illinois RG members. We are fortunate to have an active regional group and appreciate all your contributions to the Road Chatter. For example, thanks go out to Nicole Plenge (Gilday) and Este Scheve for contributions this month.

We are grateful to Bill for this honor. We appreciate the job he has to do in judging newsletters from all over the world. To quote Bill: "To say that it has been daunting is an understatement. To say that it has been very enjoyable is also an understatement."

Please help us keep up the quality of our newsletter by contributing articles. We are always looking for input for the V-8 Gals page and the Tech Corner. We also love to receive stories about your Early V-8 vehicles – how you found them, what you have done to maintain or restore them, where you have travelled, etc.

"You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave." Glenn Frey

Ken & Carolyn



TECH CORNER



Repairing Early Fuel Tank Filler Leaks

By Ken Bounds

This week I noticed a thread on the Fordbarn where the poster tracked down a problem he was having with gas fumes. The fumes were leaking from the connection of the filler pipe to the gas tank on his '33 Station Wagon. I thought it might be a good time to repeat a column we presented in the April 2009 Road Chatter. At our January 2009 meeting I did a presentation on the subject and wanted to pass along the specifics to everyone. We have several newer members who may be able to use this information, plus I have an update.

The next three paragraphs are a portion of the original "It Worked for Me" article, with reference to work being done on Joe Kozmic's '37:

Ford's fuel tanks through early '37 used a threaded filler tube with a lead seal between the tank and the flange on the tube. Later tanks had a much easier-to-seal arrangement of a hose connecting the filler tube to a tube on the tank. Leaks on the early fuel tanks are apparently pretty common as I have the same problem on my '36 and I know of a few others who do as well. The lead seal is available from the typical parts suppliers for about \$8. You need a special spanner wrench to remove the filler pipe. I bought one from Sears for \$15. (Armstrong model 34-219).



Filler tube, lead seal on right, spanner wrench above

On Joe's car we sprayed penetrating oil on the threads where the filler tube enters the fuel tank. Removing a fender support bracket provided easier access to the tube. The pin on the spanner wrench is inserted in the holes on the filler tube, which is then just screwed off. The entire assembly is then removed through the filler hole in the fender. I suspected the lead seal may have been missing, but one was there. Perhaps it was distorted and not sealing properly. We cleaned up all surfaces, inserted the new lead seal into the opening in the fuel tank, and screwed the filler pipe back in, tightening it securely with the spanner wrench.

Now for the leak test. We drove to the gas station and pumped about 6 gallons into the tank. The gas gauge now read about $\frac{3}{4}$ or better full. No leaks yet! We are hoping the problem is solved, but so far, so good.

Update: After publishing the above article, I also replaced the lead seal on my '36 Roadster using the same procedure. Everything seemed fine for a short time. Unfortunately, for both Joe's '37 and my '36, the leak returned. After trying a new seal and some other "fixes," I finally learned that the solution was simple. I just wasn't getting the connection tight enough with the short handle on the spanner wrench to compress the lead washer and make a good seal. If you install a lead washer with this same wrench, you need to get a length of pipe or other suitable extender so you can put a little more torque into the connection. With the fine threads of the filler pipe, I was surprised how many more turns I could make before the connection seemed really tight.

I completed my "final fix" to this problem several years ago now - no leaks since. I also fully tightened Joe's filler and he has seen no leaks either. Spanner wrenches similar to the 2 1/2" model shown above are available from various suppliers, including Amazon for under \$25. Be sure to get the version with the round pin. The lead seals, part number 46-9051 are available for about \$10 from one of our advertisers, Third Gen Automotive, and other suppliers.



10 Years Ago This Month – February 2013

On a rather warm Sunday, February 10, Joe Novak hosted a pre-Valentines Day event – dinner and a play at Pheasant Run resort in St. Charles. After meeting for cocktails the group of 18 was entertained by the murder mystery play, *The Art of Murder*. Everyone seemed to enjoy the thrills and humor. Ken & Carolyn Bounds attended the National Board meeting in Rohnert Park, California where Ken was sworn in for his second year as National President.

20 Years Ago This Month – February 2003

At the February 18 monthly meeting, President Ken Bounds read a letter from National Director Bruce Nelson recognizing Editor Diane Wrobel for receiving 4th Place and most improved in the newsletter competition. At the meeting Ken showed a slide show from Marty Duling about the Club's Christmas Tour to Springfield, along with a vintage film of an Oldsmobile commercial and the Duck & Cover public service film.

30 Years Ago This Month – February 1993

At the February 16 monthly meeting, President Ken Bounds announced that the Road Chatter had been awarded 4th Place in the newsletter competition. Ken requested that members consider writing articles and sending them to Editor Diane Wrobel. Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported that we had 80 paid-up members.

40 Years Ago This Month – February 1983

The February Road Chatter contained a letter from new President Chester Lawrence looking back on the events of 1982 and forward to many events in the new year. George & Betty Cech hosted 30+ V-8ers and friends at a Candlelight Bowling event at Governor's Lanes in Cicero. After a barrel of laughs during the competition, trophies were awarded and everyone enjoyed a great meal.

50 Years Ago This Month – February 1973

The February newsletter welcomed 14 new members who had joined since October, including Don Braun and Tom Young; membership was now nearly 50. The newsletter included a list of 16 members planning to attend the inaugural Grand National Meet in Dearborn in August. At the February 12 monthly meeting, new member Bob Mengler showed an original Ford filmstrip showing proper tune-up procedures for '34 Fords.

Flathead Flashback

John Scheve presenting an interesting tech talk at the February 19, 2013 monthly meeting about his restoration of his 1937 Ford 60-hp Standard Tudor.



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 Member Meeting 25 Eggs & Eights, Geneva	April 6 Board Meeting 18 Pizza Meeting
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



**We plan to have the 2023
Membership Rosters ready in
time for the February club
meeting. Please come to the
meeting to pick up your Roster!!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
VICKI BECK (2/3), NELL KOZMIC (2/8),
PAULA BAUGHN (2/11), PAT STACEY (2/12), LEN VINYARD (2/14),
FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21), & CHERYL KOZMIC (2/28)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14)**

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



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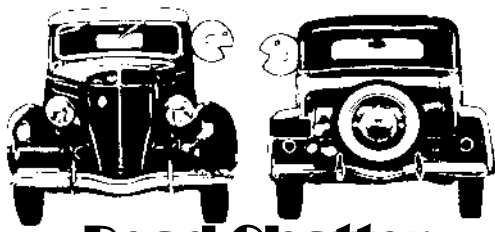
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