ROAD CHATTER

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Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8 P.O. Box 803 Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0803

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

January 9 - Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

January 12 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

January 14 - Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

January 17 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

January 24 - Deadline to RSVP for Valentine's Day Brunch - see Page 4.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

January 1 - Happy New Year!

January 8 - 48th Annual VCCA Swap Meet, Peotone. 7 am - 1 pm. \$5 admission.

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Don't Miss an Issue of the Road Chatter!

If your dues have not been received by the end of January, this will be your last issue of the Road Chatter and your name will be omitted from the 2022 Roster.

A membership renewal form is included if you receive the print version of the Road Chatter and we have not received your dues.

Please review the form, make any corrections or additions, and return it to the Membership Chairman at the address shown on the form.



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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

Welcome to 2023! It's been six years since I've sat down to write a president's message, so I'm a little rusty, and to be honest, it's not my favorite part of the job. I typically wait until the last minute to write it, and I'm sure Ken is cursing me under his breath as he sends me a polite email reminder that it was due yesterday. That being said, I'm going to try to do things a little differently this time around and use my message as

a way for members – even those of you who've known me since I joined the club – to get to know me better. So please send me any questions you might have about me and/or my cars, and I'll do my best to answer them.

It was great seeing many of you at our Christmas Brunch last month at Granite City Brewery in Naperville. This month, I hope you can join me and our new slate of officers at our Installation Dinner on January 14th. Looking ahead to next month, Nicole and I are hosting the Valentine's Luncheon at Makray Memorial Golf Club on February 4th. (See page 3 for additional details). Being my first official event as your new president, I'd love to see you there!

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

New Year's Resolutions:

- 1. Attend more Club events this year.
- 2. Write an article for the Road Chatter.
- 3. Host an event.
- 4. Submit a Tech article for the Road Chatter.
- 5. Attend more Club meetings this year.
- 6. Submit an article for the V-8 Gals page.
- 7. Sign up for an overnighter or a National Meet.

As we begin another year as Road Chatter editors, we thank Nicole Gilday for her submissions for this issue and look back on a successful year as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

This promises to be a good year with plenty of Club events and a Grand National Meet this summer. And if you like National Meets, stay tuned. There is a good chance that in 2024 Ken & Caroly we will see a Central Meet in Auburn and an Eastern Meet in New York.



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

2023 Installation Dinner January 14, 2023



Place: Ki's Steak and Seafood Restaurant

705 North Ave, Glendale Heights

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar

6:30 PM Dinner

Cost: \$30.00 per person

RSVP with checks made payable to NIRG to John Scheve by January 9th.

Please see enclosed flyer for full details.

2022 Christmas Brunch By Nicole Gilday

On Sunday, December 4, Scott and Nicole Gilday hosted the annual NIRG Holiday Brunch. This year, the brunch was held at a new venue – the Granite City Brewery in Naperville. Their "Lawless Brunch" had something for everyone and definitely did not disappoint! The waitstaff was even gracious enough to provide containers for members to take home some of Granite City's famous jumbo caramel rolls. Nineteen folks were in attendance: Ron & Arlene Blum and their friend, Audrey; Scott & Nicole Gilday; Joe & Millie Novak; Gary & Dawn Osborne and their daughter, Joanna; Dan & Diane Pudelek; John & Este Scheve; John Slobodnik; Ron & Colleen Steck; and Jim & Harriet Taylor.



Scott Gilday, Jim & Harriet Taylor, and John & Este Scheve

Ron & Arlene Blum and their friend Audrey, Dan & Diane Pudelek, and Millie & Joey Novak

More Upcoming Tours and Events

2023 Valentine's Luncheon

Date: Saturday, February 4, 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. Since Scott is traveling mid-month and didn't want to miss his first event as president, we've scheduled the luncheon for Feb. 4. We figure there's no harm celebrating Valentine's Day "early and often" with your sweetheart.

Menu

House Salad

with choice of dressing



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 24.

T'was the month after Christmas, and all through the house, nothing would fit me, not even a blouse; The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I had to taste, at the holiday parties had gone to my waist;

When I got on the scales there arose such a number! When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber), I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared, The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared;

The wine and the rum balls; the bread and the cheese, and the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please." As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt, and prepared once again to do battle with dirt, I said to myself, as only I can, "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So, away with the last of the sour cream dip. Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip. Every last bit of food that I like must be banished, 'til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--not even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick. I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore, But isn't that what January is for? Unable to giggle, no longer a riot. Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!

Author Unknown



TECH CORNER

Last month's tech corner was based on Este Scheve's discussion of various finishes and plating methods for Early Ford V-8 fasteners. Once of those finishes is cadmium or cad plating. This seemed like a good time to re-run a Tech Corner from the January 2009 Road Chatter. We hope you find it interesting and maybe helpful. Note that a couple of updates are added in blue.

It Worked for Me – Cad Plating By Ken Bounds

Last month (December 2008) I told the story of how our 1950 Crestliner, Old Nettie, was restored. While much of the restoration, like painting, upholstery, and trim is rather straightforward, one particular challenge is to get the plating right on the hundreds of fasteners, brackets, etc., under the hood and on the chassis. Ford used a variety of finishes for these items and in 1950 the most common were cadmium, zinc, and "raven". Cleaning up and re-plating these parts can add significantly to the longevity of the

car, finishes off the restoration, and is important in the judging process because the point deductions for incorrect fasteners can add up fast.

The first challenge is determining the correct plating for all those nuts, bolts, screws, and washers. An invaluable source is a Ford Chassis Parts catalog. These massive catalogs list every part on a Ford car, along with part numbers, descriptions, and often illustrations. Fasteners have a suffix after the part number indicating the original finish. For example, S7 indicates cadmium plate, S8 indicates zinc plate, and S indicates "plain". The '49-'52 chassis catalog lists 20 different fastener finishes.

FINISH OF STANDARD PARTS

(BOLTS, SCREWS, NUTS, WASHERS, Etc.)
The "S" suffix on numbers covering Standard Parts represents the finish of the part as shown by the following list:

SUFFIX	FINISH	SUFFIX	FINISH	
S	Plain	\$15	Oxidized	
\$2	Raven finish	\$16	Lead coated	
\$3	Black Japan	\$18	Case hardened	
\$5	Copper plate	\$19	Brass plate	
\$6	Nickel plate	\$21	Lacquer for identification	
\$7	Cadmium plate	\$23	Rustless steel—head polished	
88	Zinc plate	\$24	Hot tin coated	
\$10	Tinned	\$25	Painted	
\$12	Lacquer to match trim	\$28	Enamel coating	
\$13	Chrome plated	\$32	Black paint or prime	

In researching plating, I learned that the sources for having such small parts re-plated are drying up due to environmental concerns; also, the cost is becoming nearly prohibitive. In addition, for me it would be impractical to remove every fastener on the car and send them in bulk to a plater. Roy Nacewicz Enterprises (now Third Gen Automotive in Tennessee) does provide fasteners for most V-8's, but he does not stock every bolt for the '50 and some I ordered from him just weren't the same as the original bolts on my car. (Note: Michael at Third Gen has a wider stock of correct fasteners). Fortunately, I learned about a way I could plate these parts myself, so I could remove them, refinish them, and reinstall them a few at a time. A company named Caswell, Inc. in Lyons, New York, makes a wide variety

of plating kits and restoration supplies. I purchased a kit called Copy Cad that allows you duplicate both the cadmium and zinc plate finishes.

Caswell provides nearly everything you need to get started. The plating kit includes two plating "tanks" (buckets), one for a degreasing solution and one for the plating solution. The degreasing solution is mixed with distilled water and heated with a supplied aquarium heater. In the plating tank, you place another heater with a thermostat control, a pump for agitation, two zinc anode plates, and the plating solution mixed with distilled water. I also purchased a 3 amp constant



TECH CORNER

current DC power supply to provide the voltage needed for plating. The positive lead is attached to the anodes and the negative lead is attached to a copper rod across the top of the tank.

After removing fasteners from the car, the first step is to clean them up before plating. Cadmium and zinc plating provide a sacrificial or cathodic coating: over time the plating corrodes away, sacrificing itself for the benefit of the underlying steel. After 58 years, the plating on most of the fasteners on Old

Nettie was just gone. Some of the fasteners were rusty, some had been painted over. For lack of better equipment, my main method of cleanup was the wire wheel to remove the bulk of the rust or paint, and any vestiges of the original plating. This was followed by a bath of diluted acid to neutralize any remaining rust. The picture to the right is a "before" picture. This ugly pile of rusted or painted items is just a portion of the fasteners used to hold the grill in place.



Before

Next comes the fun part, a trip to the plating tanks. Each item to be plated is attached to a length of thin copper or brass wire so it can be hung into the degreasing and plating tanks. Five minutes in the degreasing tank, heated to 150° or so will remove any dirt or oils. After a rinse in distilled water, the part

goes into the cad/zinc bath. The wire is wrapped around the copper rod to conduct electricity to the part. The real trick here is experimenting to determine the exact number of amps to use and the time to leave the part in the bath. Too many amps will "burn" the part and turn the cad black. Too few amps will fail to thoroughly plate the part. Too little time will also reduce the thickness of the plating. The rule of thumb is approximately .14 amps per square inch of surface of the part. Even determining the surface area takes a lot of experimenting. I found that plating the parts for about 20 minutes worked best. For small items, you can string several on a wire to reduce the overall time. To get the



After

plating right on large pieces I only did one at a time. The picture in this paragraph is the same pile of grill fasteners after cleanup and cad plating. Please note that the flash picture makes these items look brighter than they actually are. The cad plating leaves the desired dull, gray finish.

This brings up a point about zinc plating. The brighter zinc finish is achieved by adding a zinc brightener to the plating bath. After several parts are plated, this brightener is eventually consumed and the bath

returns to the cad finish. This leads to a juggling act between parts that you intend to have a cad finish or a zinc finish. Through experimentation, I learned that you can also brighten the finish if it is too dark or gray by lightly buffing with a Dremel wire wheel.

This briefly covers my first plating experience. Although the cleanup of the parts was a lot of work, the plating was fun and rewarding. I also wanted to mention that there are some "cad" paints available from restoration supply sources. I tried paint and was not happy with the results. Not only does the paint not really look like cadmium, but paint will not protect your precious parts as well as plating. The plating worked for me!





10 Years Ago This Month – January 2013

On an unseasonably warm January 12, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali welcomed 36 members and guests to our annual installation banquet at Casey's Restaurant in Lombard. As we enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, outgoing President Tom O'Donnell entertained us with a slide show of NIRG events and tours from the past year.

20 Years Ago This Month – January 2003

Ken Bounds and Carolyn O'Hare hosted the installation dinner January 18 at The Terrace in Lombard. The group was entertained all evening with the keyboard stylings of our own Ron Vaughan. The delicious family-style dinner was followed by service awards, introduction of new officers, and presentation of door prizes. The January Road Chatter encouraged members to include their e-mail addresses in the new roster.

30 Years Ago This Month – January 1993

Fifty-two members and guests attended the January 16 installation dinner, hosted by Dick & Dotty Alfini at Café 59 in Naperville. At the January 19 monthly meeting, returning President Ken Bounds introduced new officers and board members and outlined the tentative 1993 events calendar. Membership Chairman Neil McManus passed out membership rosters and reported that membership now stood at 81.

40 Years Ago This Month – January 1983

A large group braved treacherous weather to attend the January 11 meeting at member Don Roels' shop in Melrose Park. Incoming President Chester Lawrence brought along the new t-shirts that were ordered in December, thanking Lloyd Duzell for suggesting the attractive red V-8 logo. Well over 50 members and guests attended the January 22 Installation Dinner, hosted at the Mug Pub in Itasca by Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell.

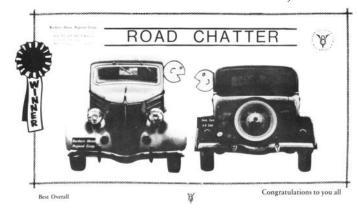
50 Years Ago This Month – January 1973

The January 8 meeting at Jack Loftus Ford in Willowbrook was well attended with 25 members,

spouses, and guests present. The 1973 events calendar was discussed with several events already planned. It was decided that the group would start collecting the \$5 annual dues on a calendar year basis – five members anted up on the spot, including Charles Kaiser and Chester Lawrence.

Flathead Flashback

At the January 22-23, 1983 National Board Meeting, the *Road Chatter* was announced as the Best Overall in the 1982 newsletter competition. Source: *V-8 Times*.



January	February	March	April
12 Board Meeting	9 Board Meeting	9 Board Meeting	6 Board Meeting
14 Installation Dinner, Ki's, Glendale Heights17 Member Meeting	4 Valentine's Day Dinner, Makray CC (Tentative)21 Member Meeting	21 Member Meeting	18 Pizza Meeting
May	June	July	August
11 Board Meeting	8 Board Meeting	13 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting
16 Member Meeting	11-17 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI	18 Member Meeting	15 Member Meeting
	17 National Drive your V-8 Day		
September October		November	December
14 Board Meeting	12 Board Meeting	9 Board Meeting	No Meetings
19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	17 Member Meeting	11 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD21 Member Meeting	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

GENE HEINTZ (1/3), JACK FRANK (1/4), JOE NOVAK (1/11), GEORGE ZULAS (1/13), RON DOPKE (1/14), DAWN OSBORNE (1/16), SUSAN FREUND (1/21), RON BLUM (1/23), JO ANNE STACK (1/23), & LARRY WEBB (1/31)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.

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Photo of the Month Part of our Group at the Annual Christmas Brunch