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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

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

June 25 Driving tour to Aurora Air Classics Museum - see page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 18 Happy Father's Day

June 18 55th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 10 am - 6 pm Free admission

June 11-17 60th Anniversary Grand National Meet, Dearborn

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our group at White Fence Farm after touring the Beller Museum.



Safe travels and good luck to all our members showing vehicles at the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. We hope you come home with trophies!

Attention Members

Plan to attend the June 20 monthly meeting. Ken Bounds and others attending will provide a wrap-up and highlights of the 2023 Grand National Celebration in Dearborn.

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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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT('S WIFE)

In honor of Father's Day and National "Say Something Nice" Day (June 1st, if you haven't marked your calendar yet), I'd like to give a shout out to your club president and my hubby of 17 years, Scott Gilday. Many of you may not realize that in addition to his role as president, he's also a Central Region Director of the National Woodie Club – neither of which any rational person would have taken on this year given his work schedule. You see, the bank he works for bought another bank, and the merger is scheduled to be completed Labor Day weekend. In typical Scott fashion, he's risen to the occasion, even leading EFV8 monthly meetings after a grueling day at work, only to return home and continue working into the wee hours of the morning. With his schedule, he hasn't been able to take much time off either, so he's really looking forward to spending time with you at the Grand National Meet in Dearborn this month.



As an early Father's Day gift, I thought I'd help lighten Scott's load by taking the liberty of writing this month's president's message. So here are some fun facts about your president (in no particular order):

- He was born in Chicago and grew up in Schaumburg and Arlington Heights.
- He graduated from Rolling Meadows High School, University of Illinois (undergrad), and University of Chicago (MBA).
- Both of his parents worked for United Airlines, but he doesn't like to fly.
- His perfect vacation is a road trip to Colorado.
- He's been a huge Lego fan since he was a kid. He continues to collect them and still has all of his childhood sets.
- His favorite food is pizza.
- He drinks A LOT of coffee – at least a pot a day. (He's strictly a cream guy, no sugar.) He loves milk too, but is not a fan of water.
- We're not sure what color his eyes are. If you can figure it out, let us know.
- He enjoys running, biking, hiking, and skiing.
- His idea of the perfect evening is putting his feet up and enjoying a movie with some pizza and a glass of wine.
- He still has his first car – a red '69 Mustang convertible – that was built within a few weeks of when he was born.
- Along with cars, he can pretty much build or fix anything. The only thing he has challenges with is drywall.
- He's a Virgo, and his half-birthday is St. Patrick's Day.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Join Your NIRG Friends in a Visit to The Aurora Air Classics Museum

Sunday, June 25



Lunch Following at
Nearby Sugar
Grove Café

8:30 am: Meet at the NE corner of Roosevelt and County Farm Roads in Wheaton near the McDonalds. At 9:00 we will leave for a leisurely drive over secondary roads to the Aurora Airport.

After visiting the museum for a couple of hours, we will have lunch across the street at Sugar Grove Café.

Hosted by Ron Steck. If you did not sign up for the tour at the May meeting, there will be another chance at the June 20 monthly meeting. Or call/text Ron at 630-777-4001.

The museum's collection includes aircraft, vehicles, uniforms and other aviation memorabilia from the 1930s to the present time. Volunteer veterans offer guided tours of the aircraft located on-site and visitors are encouraged to sit in an A-7 flown in the Gulf War, as well as climb into the pilot's seat of an UH-1 Huey helicopter.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

The printers are smoking at the Bounds house. After a year of planning, receiving and processing registrations, it is time to produce all the items needed for the Grand National Meet. By the hundreds. Name tags, pocket schedules, registration receipts, merchandise selection sheets, event tickets, windshield cards, judging sheets, Touring/Touring A/Display ballots, awards pickup authorizations, judges participation forms, judging instructions, operational check labels, parking space markers, driving directions, trailer parking directions, restaurant lists, various meet booklet inserts, labels of every description, and more. Whew.



In less than two weeks, all this stuff will be packed into registration folders, trays of lanyards, etc., and loaded up into the vehicles we are taking to the meet. Along with a large printer, computers, network equipment, paper cutter, laminator, crates of parking markers, office supplies, and a bunch of other stuff. Our Crestliner and modern car will both be loaded to the roof.

The interesting part is that while all the registration and concourse items will be consumed at the meet, all the equipment and supplies come back home. Along with all the new registrations for the two 2024 National Meets. The cycle continues.

Ken & Carolyn

MAY 16 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

Secretary Gary Osborne could not attend the meeting, so Ken Bounds took the notes.

President Scott Gilday kicked off the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance, including a guest, Mike Bartoli who is a member of the Dallas RG and was visiting the area.

Ken Bounds provided the membership report. He welcomed returning member Mike Heatherly who rejoined at the April meeting, bringing our membership total to 61.



Ken also talked about national issues. He advised that National V-8 Club dues had been raised for the first time in many years. An annual membership is now \$45 and a digital membership is \$25. Ken provided updated statistics about the Grand National Meet next month in Dearborn - currently 192 full registrations and 124 vehicles. Ken also advised that he and Carolyn are handling registration for both meets in 2024: Auburn, Indiana July 17-24 and Clayton, New York September 15-20.

Treasurer Ron Blum reported that after a small amount of income and expenses for the Road Chatter, Annual Roster, and a donation to the Grand National, the bank account is still in the black.

Jay Hinshaw reported on the tour to the Klairmont Collections in April. There was a nice turnout, two '50 Crestliners in the parking lot, and everyone had a great time.

Ron Blum reported on the duals night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove. It was great to see Tom O'Donnell who drove his Lincoln and Elaine Braun who drove from Lake Villa. It was a decent turnout and everyone had a good meal and lots of fellowship in the parking lot.

Ken Bounds passed around a signup sheet and talked about the Beller Museum tour coming up next week. The tour will be followed by lunch at White Fence Farm

Ron Steck passed around a signup sheet and gave details about a driving tour to the Aurora Air Classics Museum. We will meet at 8:30 in the parking lot at Roosevelt and County Farm Roads, tour to the Aurora Airport, and have lunch at the Sugar Grove Café after touring the museum.

Ron Blum briefly discussed the picnic August 13 at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. Members will bring their own food and beverages, plus a pass-round dessert.

After a short break to enjoy Jay Hinshaw's fresh-brewed coffee and delicious cookies baked by Carolyn Bounds, National Chief Judge Ken Bounds presented a program about the National Meet Concourse. He discussed in some detail the various divisions that are available for members to enter their vehicles; generally nearly all 1932-1953 Ford Motor Company vehicles are welcome on the Concourse. Ken also went over the point judging process with various handouts and detailed what judges are looking for when judging vehicles.

Our guest Mike drew the winning ticket in the 50-50 raffle, making John Scheve \$20 richer. He asked that we do not tell Este.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Attendance Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Rusty Medlin, Bob Miller, Tom Myers, John Scheve, and Ron Steck.

Duals Night at Culver's By Ken Bounds

On Saturday, May 6, Ron and Arlene Blum hosted a “duals night” at Culver's in Buffalo Grove. After a long “off-season,” it was nice to get our cars out and sit outside. Unfortunately, only three Early V-8s were driven the event: Ken & Carolyn Bounds brought their 1951 Mercury and Jay Hinshaw brought his 1937 Tudor. The big surprise was when Tom O'Donnell showed up driving his 1953 Lincoln. Tom has been having serious health problems and it was great to see him out.

Another surprise was seeing Elaine Braun who had driven down from Lake Villa. After some time reminiscing in the parking lot, we all went inside to enjoy some food and our senior discount. After some time back in the parking lot, it began to get dark and chilly, so we all went our own way.

In addition to those mentioned above, enjoying the evening of camaraderie were our hosts Ron & Arlene Blum with their friend Audrey Rohlinger, Stan & Jo Anne Stack, Paul Linzer, and Tom's son Tom, his daughter Maureen Joos and her husband Joe. We also ran into John McCarthy who was a member of the club about 10 years ago.

Everyone seemed to have a really good time and we thank Ron for setting up the event - and even bringing coupons. It was really nice to relax and spend time with old friends.



Enjoying the beautiful evening with friends



Dinner at Culver's



Jay's 1937 Sedan, Tom's 1953 Lincoln



Ken & Carolyn's 1951 Mercury

Driving Tour to the Beller Museum By Ken Bounds

On Sunday May 21, a group of members from far and wide met in the parking lot of the historic Route 66 restaurant, White Fence Farm, in Joliet. Winning the long distance trophy were Dick & Linda Livingston, getting up early to drive 187 miles from Springfield. Second place went to Marshal and Sue Adams who drove a quick 138 miles from Groveland, near Peoria. The hard luck trophy was awarded to Joe Griffith. He only had to drive 12 miles in his 1936 Ford Convertible Sedan with his grandson Rick Pennington, but at the restaurant the '36 refused to start to begin the trip to the museum. It did not even appreciate being pushed.

Also meeting at White Fence were Ken & Carolyn Bounds, 1950 Crestliner and Mike Heatherly with his brother Rob, 1941 Mercury Convertible.

Arriving in modern iron were Ron & Arlene Blum, Terry Elliott, Joey & Millie Novak, Gary Osborne, John & Este Scheve and Ron Steck with his friend Larry Hunkele.

Leaving the '36 in the parking lot to think about what it had done, we caravanned the short distance to Jordon Beller's Museum in Romeoville. There we were met by Jordon and his wife Judy. When the tour began, we only had three Early V-8s owned by our group members present. Now we had dozens. Jordon met us at the front door and proceeded to give us a very personal tour of his collection. Even though he has dozens and dozens of vehicles, he seems to remember the story of where he found every one of them, how he bought them, and how he got them home.

For those of you not familiar with Jordon and the Beller Museum, Jordon likes to display most of his artifacts in "as found" condition – i.e., for the most part, he does not restore them. Jordon doesn't dislike the V-8 engine, but his passion is for the 4-cylinder. There are many Model A's in addition to a large number of 32's and 33's. His collection concentrates on trucks, but also includes a few cars and some very early hot rods. I took pictures of at least seven 32-34 Model BB "big trucks" that used the 4-cylinder engine, but I probably missed a few. You can see a list of at least 60 vehicles in the collection at the Museum's website www.bellermuseum.com.

In addition to all these vehicles, the museum is loaded with interesting memorabilia, speed equipment, street signs, and a huge license plate collection. But that is just the first room. Next, Jordon took us to his extensive library. Jordon is a member of over 50 organizations and stocks a mostly complete collection of all the magazines and



Jordon greeted us at the front door



Our group listening attentively to Jordon's presentation



Jordon stands beside an unrestored 1932 Ford V-8 Standard Tudor Sedan with 29,220 original miles!

newsletters of each. He stocks issues of Hemmings Motor News all the way from the present to when it was published in Quincy, Illinois! He has an extensive collection of newspaper and magazine ads for Ford products in the 30's. And lots more.

Then there is the restoration room. Our final section of the tour showed where Jordon and his staff do some restorations, including painting. He has racks and racks of parts and engines. You just have to go see this for yourself.

After our tour, the caravan back to White Fence Farm dropped five of our members but added two and another Early V-8. Jordon and Judy drove a 1935 Ford V-8 Pickup. Our group arrived just before the restaurant opened, but we were promptly seated at a long table. White Fence is famous for their fried chicken dinner served family style with several delicious relishes. Most enjoyed the generous portions while a few ordered other entrees off the menu. We don't often get the chance to have the Bellers join us on a driving tour, but we were thrilled that they were able to join us on this short one. After a group picture, everyone headed home with some great memories.

One last order of business. Apparently, the '36 had learned its lesson – it started right up after lunch. Joe and Rick made it home to Glen Ellyn just fine. The coil will be on its way to Skip Haney.



Ron Blum tries to drive off in a school bus Jordon's staff is painting



1932 Model BB Dump Truck - one of several



Jordon and Judy in their 1935 Ford Pickup



Gary Osborne checks to see if the speed equipment will fit his 1932 V-8



Lively conversation at the White Fence Farm Lunch



10 Years Ago This Month – June 2013

The June Road Chatter announced the official approval for our group to host the 2014 Central National Meet. On June 7, 22 members with 15 Early V-8s hosted a show and lunch for the Grand Tour of members traveling cross-country to the 50th Anniversary Grand National Meet in Lake Tahoe. Ken & Carolyn Bounds drove their '50 Convertible over 4,000 miles round trip to the meet.

20 Years Ago This Month – June 2003

Guest speaker Joe Serritella presented a tech talk on automotive charging and starting systems at the June 17 monthly meeting. Over 30 members, family, and guests attended an old-fashioned garage tour and poker run June 22 hosted by Lloyd & Gladys Duzell and Len & Irene Vinyard. Stops included Ralph Morey's Restorations, Inc., Frank Koeder's garage, and Len Vinyard's sign collection.

30 Years Ago This Month – June 1993

Six V-8 members and family participated in the Shoebox meet in Mt. Vernon June 10-13. Three NIRG families toured to Springfield on the 4th Annual Route 66 Motor Tour June 12-13, along with about 150 other vehicles from the Route 66 Association. On June 29, several members and family were on their way to the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. At least 13 members drove or trailered Early V-8s while five others arrived in modern cars.

40 Years Ago This Month – June 1983

On June 12, Lloyd & Gladys Duzell hosted a "Super Sunday" tour with 53 "old car nuts" in a variety of Early V-8s and other vehicles participating. The tour, which included a poker run, stopped at Wauconda Tool and Engineering, 10 Downing Street Restaurant in Dundee for lunch, and Falls Motors antique collection in Dundee. Several prizes were awarded; Joey Novak won the grand prize for the best hand, three of a kind, – a Jim Beam Duesenberg decanter. The Club Treasury was enriched by \$750 as a result of members showing some 30 vehicles at Springbrook Shopping Center.

50 Years Ago This Month – June 1973

Sixteen members attended the June 12 monthly meeting at Jack Loftis Ford. Ron Dopke reported that four tickets were purchased for the NIRG for the 1973 Pinto to be raffled off at the Grand National Meet in August. Cool weather held down attendance at the Club picnic tour to Big Foot Beach State Park in Lake Geneva. Nine members and family arrived in Early V-8s while four more families arrived in "civilian" iron.

Flathead Flashback

The Grand Tour stopping by on their way to Lake Tahoe



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>May 6 Duals Night - Culvers, Buffalo Grove 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Beller Museum Tour</p>	<p>June 8 Board Meeting 11-17 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI 17 National Drive your V-8 Day 20 Member Meeting 25 Aurora Air Classics Museum Tour</p>	<p>July 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>August 10 Board Meeting 13 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 15 Member Meeting</p>
<p>September 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

GAIL LEICHT (6/1), THOMAS MYERS (6/4), JOHN SLOBODNIK (6/4), BOB MILLER (6/5), DELICE SERRITELLA (6/7), JUDY BUSCAGLIA (6/10), RON STECK (6/10), MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/19), BENNY TAYLOR (6/22), SAM DIX (6/28), JOHN KRENGER (6/29), & ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

THOMAS & JUDY MYERS (6/8), DICK & LINDA LIVINGSTON (6/12), LIN & PAT STACEY (6/14), RICK & MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/15), SAM & JANIS DIX (6/18), & RON & COLLEEN STECK (6/24)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.



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Call Ray McMahon at 630-853-6832.

R-12 Freon 12oz \$10 per can. Ignition resistor - new \$5. Condensers: 78-12300 fits 1940 helmet distributor \$5, 91-A 123000 Fits 1941 and up \$5 each. Spark Plugs for sale \$1 each: Champion F-14Y (8), Champion RF-14Y4 (6), Motorcraft AWSF 44C (8), AC Delco R45TS8 (8), AC Delco R44TSX (6), AC Delco R45LTS6 (5), AC DelcoR43TS (1). **Contact Roger Obecný at 708-772-1925.**

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Wanted

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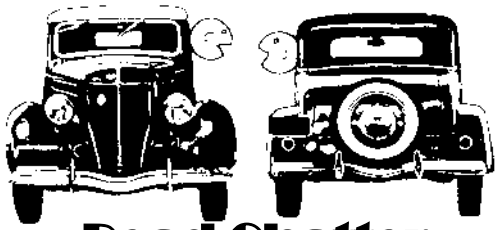
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Photo of the Month
Our Members at White Fence Farm
After Beller Museum Tour