

ROAD CHATTER

Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

March 21 - Annual Pizza Meeting. See Page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

March 12 - Daylight Saving Time begins - remember to turn your clocks forward.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy something green.

March 20 - Spring begins at 4:24 pm CDT! Time to dust off those Early V-8's!

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our Group at the Valentine's Luncheon in Barrington.



Attention Members

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family on March 21 to Papa Passero's in Westmont – see Page 3 for details.

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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

It's hard to believe it's already March, which means it will officially be Springtime soon, so we can start to think about blowing the dust off our V-8's. First, please note that this month's member meeting will be a Pizza Meeting at Papa Passero's on March 21st (details inside), so please do not go to our normal Wheeling Township Service Center location in Arlington Heights.



I'd like to thank my wife Nicole for organizing our February Valentine's Day luncheon. Twenty-one people came to Makray Memorial Golf Club's restaurant in Barrington and we had a great time. We're planning several really cool activities for the rest of the year. In addition to some of our regular activities such as Eggs and Eights, Duals Night, our annual picnic and the Poker Rally, we're planning some exciting new tours, so please keep an eye on the Road Chatter for upcoming events so you don't miss anything.

On a more somber note, in the last two months we've lost two long-term members. In January we lost Phyllis Madrigali, who was our Health and Welfare Chairman, and in February we lost Nell Kozmic, Joe Kozmic's wife. We will greatly miss both Phyllis and Nell, and our prayers go out to their families.

As a follow-up on the Tech Talk my daughter Ciena and I did in September about potentially restoring our 41 Fordor Sedan, we took a step forward in February. After completing the strip-down of our 81-A flathead motor, we brought it to my engine rebuilder to start the machining process. We're now keeping our fingers crossed that the 81-year-old block successfully passes its Magnaflux test and is viable for a rebuild. Fingers crossed!

If you would like to get more involved in the club, or have any questions or thoughts, feel free to catch me at a meeting, email me at srgilday@msn.com, or call/text me at 312-953-6855.

I look forward to a great year and hope to see you at our upcoming activities.



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

PIZZA MEETING

March 21, 2023

Papa Passero's

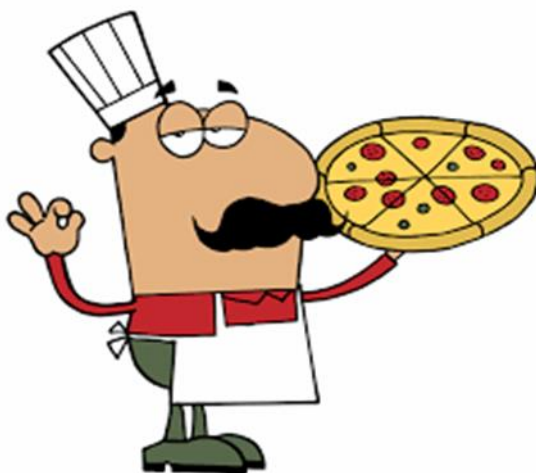
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FEBRUARY 21 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Our new President Scott Gilday opened the meeting with a hearty rap of the Club Gavel, and a warm welcome to all the members in attendance. This was our first meeting since November of last year, so there was a lot of anticipation about the upcoming Club events. We are looking forward to another full year of tours, food, and fellowship.

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that our membership has dropped down to 60 members. There will be a need to encourage new people to join along with encouraging former members to return. Ken handed out the 2023 Roster of Members to all present and said the roster would be mailed to additional members.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds gave us an update from the National Board Meeting. It was a special one to honor Jerry Windle for all his contributions to the Club. There was a lot of discussion about some of the printing costs for the Club. There will be a push to do more electronically in the future. All the new Officers were installed including new National President Rick Claybaugh and our new Midwest Director John Emmering who are both members of our Regional Group.

The National Meet in Dearborn is coming along fine with about 60% of the full registrations being received. At the meeting the Board approved a bid for the 2024 Central National Meet to held in Auburn June 17-24. Late last year the Board also approved a bid to host the 2024 Eastern National Meet September 15-20 in Clayton, New York.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum reported that we had revenue of \$630 from dues and the Installation Dinner. Our expenses were \$1,036.32 from Road Chatter, Zoom Meetings, Installation Dinner, meeting room rent, and flowers for Phyllis Madrigali.

Health and Welfare Report

Several members attended the funerals of Phyllis Madrigali and Nell Kozmic. Both long time members of the club and will be greatly missed. It was very special that members attending Nell's service were able to see Joe Kozmic who was brought to the service by his son, Eric.

Tom O'Donnell is still undergoing chemo treatments, he is hoping to be out at some events later in the year.

There was some discussion about a new H&W Chairperson. We are looking for a member to possibly step up.

Past Events

John Scheve reported that the Installation Dinner on January 14 was well attended and all had a wonderful time

Scott Gilday reported that the Valentine's Brunch that he and Nicole hosted was a great success.

- Minutes continued on next page -

Valentine's Luncheon

By Nicole Plenge

On Saturday, February 11, Club President and First Lady, Scott and Nicole Gilday, hosted the annual NIRG Valentine's Luncheon. This year, the luncheon was held at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington and the group was seated in the main dining area overlooking the course. (And yes, there were golfers out playing in the balmy 45 degree weather.) The group enjoyed the house salad with a choice of a petite filet, chicken piccata, or grilled salmon, finishing with a slice of New York style cheesecake with fresh strawberries. Nineteen folks were in attendance: Ron & Arlene Blum and their friend, Audrey; Ken & Carolyn Bounds; Ron Dopke & Bernice Short; Scott & Nicole Gilday; Pat & Dee Maroney; Russell & Melanie Medlin; Tom Myers; Dan & Diane Pudelek; John Slobodnik, and George & Dawn Zulas. The group had a lovely time, and Nicole and Scott would like to thank everyone again who attended.



FEBRUARY 21 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Future Events

- March 21 - Pizza Meeting at Papa Passero's in Westmont.
- April 8 - Eggs and Eights at Egg Harbor in Geneva.
- April 22 - Klairmont Collection in Chicago.
- June 11-17 - Grand National Meet in Dearborn.

Additional Items

There was a short coffee break (yes, it's back)! Fresh-brewed coffee was provided by new Vice President Jay Hinshaw and Carolyn Bounds baked chocolate chip cookies.

This month's Tech Talk was a time of sharing info and concerns that some had about their cars. Jay Hinshaw had some questions about Cad plating. There was also talk about wiring harness manufacturers. Ken Bounds talked about some of the issues he is having with his '36 Roadster overheating. The last item that was discussed was the need for members to step up and present a Tech Talk for a car issue that they can talk about.

Pat Maroney won the 50/50 raffle with a huge win worth \$12.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Joe Griffith, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Russ Medlin, Joe Novak, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, and Ron Steck.

Nell Kozmic - February 8, 1938 - February 14, 2023

Long-time member Nell Kozmic passed away on February 14. She had been living at home after a bad fall put her in a care facility a few years ago. Nell and Joe were married in August of 1983, about a year after Joe joined the Northern Illinois Regional Group. They were regular participants at many club events over the years, especially the fall tours to Lake Geneva. Nell traveled with Joe to many National Meets over the years in the 1937 Coupe. The photo here was taken at the 2009 Eastern Meet in Windsor, Connecticut. Nell will be greatly missed by many club members.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

The article about Nell above was particularly meaningful to me. When I joined our group back in the '80s, Nell and Joe sort of took me in. Joe used to drive to monthly club meetings with the late Chester Lawrence. After Chester moved away, because I lived just a few miles from Joe we started driving together to the meetings. For many years, before Carolyn came into my life, Nell invited me to have dinner with them nearly every month before our meetings. One year I even tricked Joe into running for the board of directors so I could get two meals a month! She was a really good cook.



Nell traveled with Joe to 21 national meets – some in recent years in the 1953 Mercury, but mostly, for about 15,000 miles total, in the 1937 Coupe. Joe didn't like for Nell to roll down the window in the Coupe. He said it messed up her hair; really, I think he didn't like all the caps blowing around on the parcel shelf behind the seats. That car rode like buckboard and had to be very hot in the summers, but Nell took it like the trouser she was. We had a lot of fun at those meets. Nell was a good friend and will be missed.

Thank you to Nicole Plenge for arranging the Valentine's Luncheon at Makray Golf Club this month and for sending in the article and photos. Please remember that we would love to have your input for the Tech Corner and the V-8 Gals pages. Maybe you could send something in today.

As most of you know, National Meets are one of my favorite aspects of the Early Ford V8 Club. I was able to talk about this topic at the National Board Meeting in San Diego this month as I presented a status report on the upcoming Grand National Meet. But it was also a special treat to see two of our members featured prominently on the National stage, even if they are both long-distance members. Our member and former Road Chatter Editor John Emmering was sworn in at the meeting as our new Midwest Director. Another long-distance member, Rick Claybaugh, was sworn in as National President. It seems like a long time ago when Rick and Marisa took a young Kim to the 2007 Central National Meet in Winona, Minnesota and decided they should become members of our group. We welcomed them warmly then as we do now and are proud of Rick's accomplishments. We wish him all the best in his term as our President.

Ken & Carolyn

OVERHEARD... at the National Board Meeting

By Ken Bounds

OK, before you knock the cute title of this article, I need to let you know I borrowed it from a column that ran in the V-8 Times back in the 60's. The first one I found was Jan-Feb 1968 when John Mota was the President and Lorin Sorenson was the Editor. So blame Lorin.

In February I was privileged to attend the Face-to-Face meeting of the Board in San Diego. A highlight was seeing the passing of the gavel to our new National President - long time friend and NIRG member Rick Claybaugh. It was also nice to witness the swearing in of NIRG member and our new Midwest Director John Emmering. Another highlight was spending just a little time with Editor Emeritus Jerry Windle. I won't go into much detail about the results of the meeting because we should get a report from our new Director soon.

As National Chief Judge I was at the meeting to discuss the judging process, along with JSC Chairman John McBurney. In addition, I presented a status report on the Grand National Meet in June along with an appeal for on-site assistance from Board members, family, and friends.

With that in mind, if you have not yet registered for the Diamond Anniversary Celebration in Dearborn, you still have time and hotel rooms are still available.

These events are always a great time. Here are the very early statistics: Full registrations - 104, early registrations - 82, vehicles registered - 64. Sadly, some of the small tours are sold out but there is still plenty of room on the bus tours to Auburn and to Gilmore.

Continuing on the theme of national meets, there are already two approved for next year. At the meeting, the Board approved the bid from RG's 141, 56, and 169 to host the 2024 Central National Meet June 17-24 in Auburn. The Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum will be the venue for most of the events, including the new Jerry Windle events center. Carolyn and I were asked to handle registration for that meet and have agreed to do so. As you know, Auburn is just over 200 miles away for most of us and easy to get to. The museum has changed significantly since we were there in 2019 with a new addition - there will be a lot to see.

Late last year the Board also approved a bid from RG's 59 and 3 to host the 2024 Eastern National Meet in Clayton, New York September 15-20. This is about 780 miles away, so it would be quite a drive from our area. But we have gone farther! It is about the same distance as Charlotte, NC or Oklahoma City and closer than Saratoga Springs, NY or Windsor, CT. The area, called the 1000 Islands Region looks absolutely beautiful for a meet. We hope some of you consider attending.

There were some rumblings about a 2024 Western Meet as well - cross your fingers!



Rick presents service plaque to 2021-22 President John Caldwell



Our own John Emmering, left and Rick Claybaugh, right get sworn in along with Northeast Director Mike Stichter, Secretary Connie Hall, and VP Joe Valentino



10 Years Ago This Month – March 2013

On March 9, Charlie Kaiser celebrated his 70th birthday eight days early by inviting our group to the annual Pioneer Turners St. Patrick's Day luncheon in Schiller Park with 16 NIRG members in attendance. On March 22, Ron Blum once again hosted one of our most popular events – a Night at the Races. This year a group of 35 V-8 members and family experienced the trotters at Maywood Park Racetrack.

20 Years Ago This Month – March 2003

At the March 18 monthly meeting, President Ken Bounds displayed the outcome of his recent altercation with a snow thrower. Plans were being made to attend the Grand National Meet in Dearborn in July. A large group attended the "Day at the Races" event March 23 at Hawthorne RaceCourse in Cicero, hosted by Ron Blum. The March Road Chatter included a list from Ron Dopke of the 19 members who had attended the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn in 1973.

30 Years Ago This Month – March 1993

At the March 16 monthly meeting, guest speaker Carla Thorton from the March of Dimes discussed our Club's sponsorship of the lunch stop at the WalkAmerica event in April. Final plans were being discussed for our annual swap meet at Nives Rizza Ford in Orland Park. Membership Chairman Neil McManus reported we have 82 members.

40 Years Ago This Month – March 1983

The March Road Chatter included a certificate showing that the Road Chatter had won 1st Place in the newsletter competition. At the well-attended March 8 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Howie Bishchoff reported we have 71 members. On March 20 Chuck & Diane Wrobel hosted a Sunday dinner/theatre tour to Andre's Steakhouse in Richmond. Nine V-8 couples braved a "first day of spring" snowstorm to enjoy a great meal and the Neil Simon play *Come Blow Your Horn*.

50 Years Ago This Month – March 1973

The March 12 meeting was held again at Jack Loftis Ford on Route 83 in Willowbrook. An April 7 car show at the dealership was being planned to show the Club's appreciation for the use of their meeting room. Eighteen members indicated they were planning to attend the Grand National Meet in Dearborn in August.

Flathead Flashback

Our group in the winner's circle awaiting the winning horse at Maywood Park 10 years ago.



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 Collection?
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 BIRTHDAY TO
MARY McMAHON (3/5), GLENN LINDQUIST (3/6),
NICOLE GILDAY (3/20), & JUDY BELLER (3/28)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
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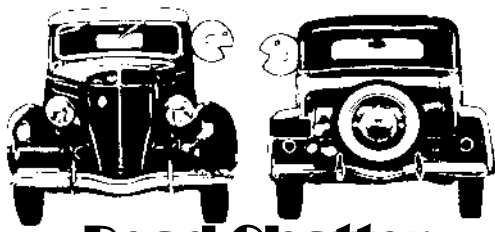
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Photo of the Month
Our Group at the Valentine's Luncheon