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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 6 - Duals Night, Culver's, Buffalo Grove. See Page 3 for details.

May 11 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

May 16 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

May 21 - Beller Museum Tour - See Page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 14 - Happy Mothers Day to all moms!

May 15 - Hot Dogs & Hot Rods Villa Park Monday Cruise Night, Sonic Drive-In, 290 W Roosevelt Rd. 5-9 pm. No charge.

May 20 - 58th Annual "Little Hershey" Swap Meet & Cruise In, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL. Admission \$7.

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May 29

Attention Members

Plan to come to the May 16 monthly meeting. National Chief Judge Ken Bounds is going to give an overview of the various Concourse Divisions at the Grand National Meet and provide tips to prepare your vehicle for judging. In addition, we plan to discuss tips on getting your vehicle ready for the drive to Dearborn.

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MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
Service Center, 1616 N.
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Arlington Heights, IL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

If you haven't marked your calendars, May 5th is Cinco-de-Mochi – or at least it is in the Gilday household. (Can you believe our little guy we rescued from the EFV8 Foundation is going to be 2? Neither can we.) In honor of Mo's birthday this month, we're sharing some pictures from the president's desk, AKA our dining room table, where you can find Mo hanging out with Scott, commandeering the computer mouse, stretching out, or sparring with his siblings. If you're so inclined, feel free to enjoy these pictures of Mo with a margarita this month! And in case you weren't aware, looking at photos of cats is good for your health, increasing happiness, reducing stress and increasing energy levels.



Scott getting inspiration for his message



Worn out from editing



Guarding Scott's car newsletters



Caught a mouse



Sparring

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**Fire Up Your Early V-8 and Join Your Friends
“Duals Night” at Culver’s**

When: Saturday, May 6 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Culver’s, 450 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove

Hosted By: Ron & Arlene Blum



Culver’s is located on the west side of Route 83 (McHenry Rd) 1/4 mile SE of Buffalo Grove Rd, .6 miles north of Lake-Cook Rd. Enter via Cherbourg Drive just north of Culver’s.

You can come early if you like. Bring your V-8, but modern iron is welcome. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs - there will be plenty of time for tire kicking and conversation in the parking lot. At some point we will go inside for food and maybe some ice cream. Who knows: Ron may even bring some coupons.

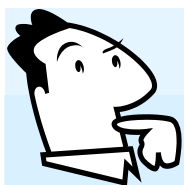
Beller Museum Tour • Sunday, May 21 - 10:00 a.m.

Ken and Carolyn Bounds are hosting a tour to the Beller Museum in Romeoville. We will meet at 9:30 am at the White Fence Farm on old Route 66, 1376 Joliet Road in Romeoville. At 9:45 we will drive a short 2 miles to the Beller Museum at 275 Rocbaar Drive (park on the far side of the building).

After a couple of hours touring the museum, we will return to White Fence Farm at 12:30 for their famous family style chicken dinner - or you can order off the menu.



If you did not sign up at the April meeting, please call or text Ken at 630-408-4006 so we have an accurate count for the restaurant

**Did you know?**

That the Beller Museum is owned and operated by NIRG members Jordon and Judy Beller?

That the Beller Museum, founded in 1993, is home to over 30 Early Fords as well as other years and makes?

That in addition to its large collection of vehicles, many of which are displayed in “as found” condition, the Beller Museum also has a large collection of literature, tools, and parts?

That prior to the building of the Early Ford V-8 Museum in Auburn, the Beller museum housed a large portion of the Foundation’s memorabilia and literature?

That the Beller Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, meaning that your donations may be tax deductible?

That we have not visited the Beller Museum as a group since 2016? Isn’t it about time?

Eggs & Eight Breakfast by Ken Bounds

On a beautiful April 8, sixteen members gathered for a traditional Eggs & Eights breakfast at the Egg Harbor Café in Geneva, Illinois. Even though it was a warm day for early April with the temperature rising to the low 60's, only two Early V-8s were present. Vickie Beck's gorgeous 1941 Coupe, right, and Ken & Carolyn's 1950 Crestliner. This was the first time we had driven the Crestliner to a Club event since 2018. Wow.

Having this event on a Saturday allowed us plenty of time to catch up and just enjoy each other's company without the pressure of people waiting if we met there on a Sunday.

While we were visiting we enjoyed a generous and tasty breakfast served by a very attentive waiter. After breakfast President Scott Gilday said a few words to thank everyone for coming to this event that started at this restaurant 16 years ago.

Attending were Vickie Beck, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Scott Gilday, John Judge with his friend Linda Luplow, Pat & Dee Maroney, Joey & Millie Novak, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, and John Slobodnik.



Vickie's 1941 Ford Coupe



President Scott Gilday



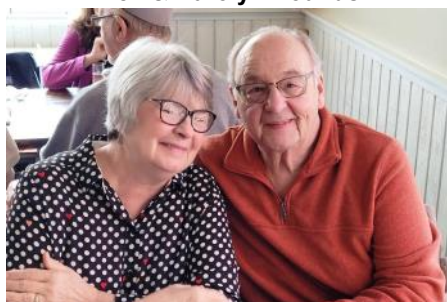
Ken & Carolyn Bounds



Vickie Beck



John Slobodnik and Dan Pudelek



Millie & Joey Novak



John & Este Scheve



John Judge and Linda Luplow



Dawn & Gary Osborne



Pat & Dee Maroney

Tour to the Klairmont Collections Automotive Museum by Jay Hinshaw

On a cold and drizzly April 22 Saturday, we enjoyed a day at the Klairmont Collections Automotive Museum on the northwest side of Chicago. This private collection of wealthy real estate investor Larry Klairmont is now open to the public. We were amazed at the sheer size of the eclectic collection of cars, memorabilia, and historical artifacts spread over a substantial former industrial building. Mr. Klairmont had the means and desire to acquire and preserve anything and everything he admired. Now our group was able to spend the day admiring it all. Or at least most of it; it's huge, hundreds of cars and countless other historical objects. We were able to see so many fantastic old cars, and some quirky, off-beat cars too. Very interesting eclectic collection. And a very interesting day at the museum!

We even learned that John Scheve had worked in that very building when it was part of the massive W.F. Hall printing complex. One of the many publications printed there was Playboy magazine. John commented that he enjoyed the articles.

Members attending: Vickie Beck, John and Este Scheve, Ken Bounds, Dan Pudelek with son-in-law John and grandson Jack, Ron Blum with son David, John Judge with friend Linda Luplow, Pat Maroney with son Keegan, Mike Heatherly, and Terry Elliot. Jay Hinshaw had arranged the outing. We brown-bagged lunches so we could meet for lunch in the museum's fifties-diner room.

Only two Early V-8's braved the weather that day: Dan Pudelek's 1950 Crestliner, and Ken Bounds' 1950 Crestliner. These beautiful fraternal twins (not identical twins--different colors) were parked side-by-side in the parking lot. Naturally this drew the attention of other visitors to the museum, including two former NIRG members who just happened to be there that day.



Two 1950 Crestliners - Dan's left and Ken's right



Our group barely made it inside before the rain came!



Every car museum must have a Tucker



John Judge wanted this Lincoln



Coming or Going??

APRIL 18 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday opened up the meeting promptly at 7:30 P.M. There were several guests in attendance this evening to include: Dan Weise, Maynard Mason, and former member Mike Heatherly, who mentioned that his wife had passed away. Our condolences to Mike; he actually re-joined our Club at the end of the meeting. Scott had a full agenda for the night, so here is how it went:

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that we have 60 members, but would increase by one if Mike H. joins (which he did).

National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported on the Grand National Meet registration. There are 215 registrations, with 115 vehicles of which 33 are to be judged. All the smaller tours are full, but the larger ones still have room.

He brought up the idea of our Club donating to the raffle at the Meet. He suggested \$200, which the members whole heartedly agreed to. Scott G. made a motion to give one \$100 raffle donation and two \$50 raffle donations. Joe N. gave a 2nd to the motion which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum gave the following financial report for the Club: Revenue of \$428 from dues, Pizza Meeting, and 50/50 raffle. Expenses of \$468.47 Road Chatter and the Pizza Meeting.

Health and Welfare Report

Tom O'Donnell is still going through his treatments and hopes to be back out at some events later in the year. Please keep him in your prayers.

Past Events

John Scheve reported on the Pizza Meeting last month. It was a good turnout with 26 attending. They all had a great time as usual.

Ken Bounds reported on the Eggs and Eights at Egg Harbor in Geneva. There were 17 members who came out to enjoy the food. There were also two V-8s brought out: the Bounds' 1950 Crestliner, and Vickie Beck's 1941 Deluxe Coupe.

Future Events

- April 22 - Klairmont Kollections
- May 6 - Duals Night - Culver's in Buffalo Grove
- May 21- Beller Museum
- June 11-17 - Grand National Meet in Dearborn
- July 15 - Friendly Ford Car Show
- August 13- NIRG Picnic at Timmermann's Ranch
- September 22-24 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

APRIL 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Additional Items

There was a short coffee break that included cookies from Carolyn Bounds.

After the break there was an open forum where several members gave interesting, and sometimes funny situations that they have had with their cars.

The Meeting concluded with the 50/50 Raffle; Ken Bounds won the \$22.

Attendance

Vickie Beck, Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Frank Koeder, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Joe Novak, Roger Obecny, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, Ron Steck, George Zulas, and Guests: Dan Weise, Maynard Mason, Mike Heatherly.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

It has been an interesting couple of months for Early V-8s in the Bounds household. In March we got word that we were losing the storage space that we had used for our vehicles since 2015. At that point we still had the '50 Crestliner and the '36 Roadster there. Fortunately, the '51 Mercury regained a permanent garage stall when we sold our Camaro last September.



Also in March, many of you learned that we had a "secret" 1936 Roadster that we purchased from a good friend over four years ago.

We had intended to drive the "new" Roadster to many events and have it judged at National Meets. But that never happened due to issues with the engine and overheating. With Covid and other priorities, we made no progress on resolving those issues. Michael Driskell had told us last year that if we could get the Roadster to him he would try to diagnose and fix the problems. As you may know, Michael is extremely busy, but he finally made time and on March 8 we shipped the car to Tennessee. Just in time - we brought the Crestliner home the same day.

Now we had to deal with the Roadster that many of you are familiar with. We had driven it to many club events and to four National Meets. It had been primarily in storage since 2015 with a brief trip out for the Steak 'n Shake commercial shoot in 2016. With a little effort we did get the car started using fresh gasoline and drove it home March 24. Now it claimed the Crestliner garage stall and that car shares time in the garage that belongs to Carolyn's Equinox.

So is this the end of the story? Not quite. When we shipped the maroon Roadster to Michael, we told him we were looking to sell it whether he could repair the engine or replace it. Michael has connections. He soon had two collectors who were looking to buy *both* of the Roadsters. And that is exactly what happened. On April 24 we sold both of the Roadsters, along with some parts, to a man from Colorado. The maroon one left Tennessee yesterday (29th) and the tan one will be leaving soon.

It is the end of an era for us. For the first time in many years we have a garage stall for each car we own. We are back with "those 50's guys!"

Ken & Carolyn



10 Years Ago This Month – May 2013

On Saturday, May 11, 19 members with 10 Early V-8s gathered at Augustino's Rock & Roll Deli in Carol Stream to take photos of our vehicles and to have them safety checked. Frank Koeder offered vehicle appraisals. On May 18 the National Board voted unanimously to award the 2014 Central National Meet to our group. Eleven members participated in the 39th Annual Spring Fling in Lee's Summit, Missouri on Memorial Day weekend.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 2003

The May Road Chatter contained an excellent reference on concourse-correct Early Ford grease guns provided by Lin Stacey. After a guest speaker for the May 20 monthly meeting unexpectedly cancelled, Ron Vaughan did an impromptu tech talk on the damage that freeze plugs can do to the seal on an oil pan. Ron just happened to have a '35 oil pan on him!

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1993

On May 15 Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a "Southside Tour" on a beautiful sunny day. Members gathered at Joe & Nancy Novak's home in Alsip for coffee and baked goodies. Most participants remember Charlie Fabian's horn demonstration on his '37 Cord. An impressive caravan of 41 members and guests driving 17 Early V-8s, Charlie's Cord, Greg Widaman's Rolls Royce, and modern vehicles traveled to George Schaff's huge collection of tractors, trucks, and memorabilia in Frankfort.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1983

The May Road Chatter included an article about Chuck & Diane Wrobel's 1952 Customline Fordor. Lloyd & Gladys Duzell hosted 48 members and guests at the May 10 meeting at their home. Lloyd gave a demonstration of how to prepare body parts for leading and provided a materials list for the process. After the meeting many members stayed and enjoyed pop and a ½-barrell of "Polish Pop" furnished by Joe Novak. On a very rainy May 22, Alan & Lois Wall hosted a tour to the Illinois Railway Museum.

50 Years Ago This Month – May 1973

Nine members showed their Early V-8s at the Grayslake show May 6. The May 22 monthly meeting, hosted at Tom Young's body shop, was one of the best attended ever with 26 members and guests present.

Flathead Flashback

Eric Kozmic, Joe Kozmic and Joey Novak kicking back at the 2013 Spring Fling.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May 6 Duals Night - Culvers, Buffalo Grove 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Beller Museum Tour	June 8 Board Meeting 11-17 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI 17 National Drive your V-8 Day	July 13 Board Meeting 15 Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show, Roselle 18 Member Meeting	August 10 Board Meeting 13 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 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
STAN STACK (5/2), DICK LIVINGSTON (5/5), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),
JOHN ELLIS (5/9), GRACE MOHAWK (5/9), MARILYN KRENGER (5/13),
RAY MCMAHON (5/14), CAROLINE MIRELES (5/14),
FRANK KOEDER (5/18), IRENE VINYARD (5/18), & GARY OSBORNE (5/20)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6), SAM & NINA VAN BRUGGEN (5/24),
JOHN & ROBIN EMMERING (5/31), & PAUL & JOANNE LINZER (5/31)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.



For Sale



This **1940 Ford 1/2 ton pickup** is a full restoration. The engine is a 1951 Mercury flathead, 3 speed transmission, Columbia two speed rear end. Frame is powder coated along with many suspension parts. New wire harness and many other items. Have all the records of the restoration and list of parts. **Asking \$50,000. Contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001.**

The Items Below are Offered by Ray McMahon

Professionally rebuilt 1936 LB engine. The rebuild was done by Speed Performance Engineering and Dyno tested. I have documentation on all components that were used as well as video of the engine on the Dyno. Includes rolling stand. Price **\$11,750.**

Good set of original 36 cast iron heads, **\$175.** Original 36 Cam in good used condition, **\$85.**



Original Ford 8 Day Clock Mirror (pull string) with Mounting Bracket. Very Rare. Mint condition, **\$1,275.** Heart shape Vacuum Windshield Wiper Motor Chrome plated in mint condition, **\$1,050.**

Generator restored and tested by Joe Serritella, **\$275.** Original voltage regulator restored and tested by Joe S. tested together with the generator above, **\$100.** 1936 Ford Tool Set includes wrenches, jack, tire pump, tire irons, grease gun, screw driver, tool pouch and Reference Book 1936 Ford V-8, **\$500.**

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 Delco R43TS (1). **Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.**

Wanted

Looking to rent or borrow an enclosed trailer to haul my 1932 Cabriolet to the Grand National in June. **Contact Gary Osborne at 630-212-4648.**

Wanted: 1941 Ford starter, generator, and carburetor. **Contact Vickie Beck at 847-946-5237.**



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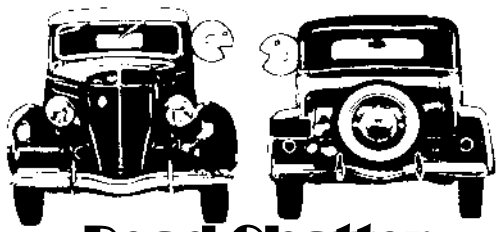
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Our Members at the Klairmont Kollections