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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

August 17 Friendly Ford Car Show, Schaumburg. See page 3 for details.

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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 4 33rd Annual Vintage Transportation Extravaganza, Union.

August 24 Cheaterama traditional hot rod and kustom car show - noon to 5. South Milwaukee, \$10.

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****Attention Members****

With this beautiful weather we encourage everyone to drive their Early V-8's to the monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking in the parking lot. Scott Gilday plans to give an update on his 1941 Ford project, hopefully with the assistance of his daughter Ciena.

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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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello again,

I hope you all had a very nice Fourth of July and got to enjoy some outdoor time with your family and friends.

July was a busy month for us starting with our Monthly meeting. Not only did we have great weather which allowed members to kick the tires of some of our V-8's, but Ken shared more information about our upcoming 2025 Central National Meet, and we all got to enjoy Carolyn's wonderful cookies, including a sample of her 2025 Central National Meet cookies.

Next, we held our annual picnic at Timmermann's on July 21st where we had a great turnout of not only members, but also their V-8's (we brought our '41 Super Deluxe Convertible). We were joined by our colleagues from the Rockford Regional Group, downstate members Dick and Linda Livingston, out-of-state member, former NIRG President and National Director, John Emmering, and Bonnie Parker (see inside). We all enjoyed all the comradery and the wonderful sides and dessert items people brought, especially the delicious cake Este Scheve brought for the club.

Looking forward to August, first, please join fellow V-8ers on August 17th for the Friendly Ford Car Show which will be held in the Bomber's Baseball Team parking lot in Schaumburg. Next, please join us on August 20th in Arlington Heights for our Member Meeting, where we look forward to enjoying the nice summer weather and kicking the tires again on a few of our V-8s.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you!


Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Andrew and Tracy Zasadny of South Elgin. Andrew has a 1936 DeLuxe 3 Window Coupe that had been his dad's. Andrew has also joined the National Club. We hope to meet Andrew and Tracy at upcoming Club meetings and events.

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS



YOCKEY'S FRIENDLY Ford

11TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

NEW LOCATION!
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS
 WINTRUST FIELD PARKING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

Hours: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fellow member Randy Yockey is once again hosting his Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation car show, this year at a new, larger location. The show will be at the Winfield Trust parking lot, home of the Schaumburg Boomers, 1999 Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg.

This show is always packed with all manner of classic cars and is completely free of charge. The new location will feature a selection of food trucks.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bring your classic car if you can, but as always, you are welcome to come in modern iron. This will be a great day for car-watching and some V-8 camaraderie.

Please join your fellow club members, bring your Early V-8, and show your support for Randy and his show.

2024 Eastern National Meet ■ Clayton, New York September 15-20, 2024



The 2024 ENM is just a few weeks away and registrations are still rolling in. We have received 119 registrations for this event to date.

This meet will be held in the stunning 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. This will be a very special experience. So far, Carolyn and Ken, Rick & Marisa Claybaugh, Dick & Linda Livingston, and George & Dawn Zulas have signed up from the NIRG. Visit the meet website at efordv8-59.org for registration forms, how to make your hotel reservations, and more.

Annual Picnic – July 21, 2024 By Ken Bounds

A very nice turnout of about 35 members and family gathered once again at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake for our annual picnic. We also had a number of guests, including three members from the Rockford Group and Michelle Gibbons with her father Jim – more about Michelle later. We were honored that our National Director (and still RG member) John Emmering was present.

Early V-8s at the picnic included the Bounds' 1950 Convertible, the Gilday's 1941 Convertible, the Hinshaw's 1937 Tudor, the Medlin's 1949 Mercury, the Osborne's 1932 Cabriolet plus a 1950 Convertible and a 1934 Coupe from Rockford.

Several members arrived early to set up the tent, tables, and chairs. This year the tent went up with relative ease and stayed up all day; we must be getting better at this! Between 10:00 am and noon, many members rolled in along with our guests from Rockford. Before lunch, National Director John Emmering presented a 45-year anniversary certificate to RG #105 President Tim Nolan.

While most local members brought their own entrée, Este Scheve had purchased fried chicken for our guests, plus there was an abundance of pass-around dishes and desserts. No one went away hungry. Este had also brought a cake to celebrate the 57th Anniversary of our regional group.

After lunch we had a real treat. Michelle gave us an interesting and entertaining presentation as Bonnie Parker. She provided many details about Bonnie's life, all the way up to her death in a volley of gunfire along with Clyde Barrow. She did this in front of Gary Osborne's 1932 Ford Cabriolet which was sporting a Texas license plate. This enabled a re-enactment of an infamous photo of Bonnie sporting a machine gun and cigar in front of a similar car.

After an afternoon of visiting and V-8 camaraderie, it was time for the picnic to come to an end. But not before the 50-50 drawing. It turned out that the person who drove the farthest got a little gas money. John Emmering won \$115 – congratulations John!

We thank everyone who came and made the best-attended picnic in 5 or 6 years a success. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to take down the tables, chairs, and tent. Thanks to all who brought items to support the picnic, including Ron Blum, Este Scheve, and Dawn Zulas. And thank you to Carol Timmermann for her incredible hospitality.



Anniversary cake for two RG's



"Bonnie Parker" with Gary's '32

Annual Picnic – July 21, 2024 By Ken Bounds

A few more random photos from the picnic. Photos by John Emmering and Ken Bounds.



John presents the 45th anniversary certificate



The Gilday family



The Osborne family



Carolyn with the Livingstons



Some of the Early V-8's Present

Joe Kozmic - October 11, 1943 to July 22, 2024

By Ken Bounds

We have lost a great V-8er and friend. Joe Kozmic passed away at high noon on Monday, July 22, at The Grove in LaGrange Park. He had been in that facility since January 17, 2020. Joe's wife of nearly 40 years, Nell, passed away in February of 2023. Joe was proud to be a Veteran of the U.S. Army; services with military honors for Joe will be Monday, September 23 at 10:00 am at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois.

Joe joined the Early Ford V-8 Club and the Northern Illinois Regional Group in the summer of 1982. He had already owned his 1937 Ford Coupe for about seven years. Joe and Nell were fixtures at club events and attended many Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally and Poker Rally weekends.

Joe drove his cars to 25 National Meets. The first 19 of them were in the '37 which he always entered in Touring Division. Things changed in 2010 when he bought his 1953 Mercury. With a little work the car was ready for point judging. Joe drove it to the 2010 Eastern National Meet in Charlotte and received the coveted Dearborn Award.

Beyond the cars was the great friendship. I don't think Joe ever met a person that he could not become friends with. His personality, sense of humor, and "polish theories" were endearing. His door was open to anyone and a cold beer could always be found inside. After he built his 4-car garage in 1992 we had a great place to hang out.

Many people could write a book with stories about Joe. Plus he had dozens of them about himself. Such as the times he would make some serious dollars as a kid waxing cars for his father's buddies, only to have them take it back from him in poker games. His stint in the U.S. Army unfortunately gave him a serious foot injury that caused him pain his entire life. Sometimes we have to question the army's judgement in stationing Joe at Fort Knox! Some of us learned many facts about Joe's upbringing from a great video put together by his late boss and presented at a surprise 50th birthday party in 1993.

When I was new to the V-8 club and single, Joe and Nell kind of took me in. After Chester Lawrence moved to southern Illinois, Joe and I always drove to monthly club meetings together. Often, Nell - who was a great cook - would invite me over for dinner before we left for the meeting. I remember one year when I tricked Joe into running for the club board of directors. Now I get two meals a month!

Joe and I drove together to 22 of those National Meets with either the '37 or the Mercury in my rearview mirror. Everyone knew which car followed mine. When Carolyn and I were married in 2003, Joe was my best man.

We had a large turnout for Joe's 70th birthday party in 2013. Joe drove to his last National Meet in 2014 and attended this last club overnight trip to South Bend in 2017 with son Eric at the wheel.

Joe was a dear friend to many and will be greatly missed by many.



Nell and Joe at Niagara Falls, July 12, 2006

2025 Central National Meet

2025 Central National Meet ▪ Springfield, Illinois June 22-26, 2025

There will be a 2025 Central National Meet! Our bid to host the meet has been approved by the National Board. In addition, much has happened in the past month. We have:

- Negotiated and signed a contract with the Crowne Plaza and Holiday Inn Express for overflow
- Opened a meet bank account
- Set up the system to accept credit cards
- Made a tentative agreement with Lincoln Land Community College for trailer parking
- Received a bid from a trophy company in Springfield
- Designed a logo and early registration form
- Created a meet database
- Set up a meet website <https://2025cnm.com> - please spend a few minutes and take a look
- Started filling key support positions - thank you to those who have already stepped up
- Issued a letter to everyone who registered for the 2024 CNM in Auburn offering them a discounted rate to attend our meet
- Begun receiving early registrations. Early registrants receive information on making their hotel reservations which are available now.



FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

Wow, what a busy month! We apologize that the Road Chatter is a few days late. As you can see from the article above, we spent a lot of time and accomplished a great deal in the planning for our 2025 Central National Meet. We are most excited that we got the system in place to start accepting registrations. The first dozen are in and we hope for many more. The meet begins in 46 weeks. Gulp.



We received the terrible news this month that Joe Kozmic had passed away. See the brief article on page 6. As we mention there, Joe's services will be on September 23. We will send out reminders and directions as the date approaches. Joe's son Eric had planned a trip here in July to see his dad and pick up the '63 Corvette. About a week before the scheduled date, the home where Joe was staying called Eric and said he should come now. We are very happy for Eric that he was able to see Joe and be with him when he passed.

Much more is on the horizon. In the next couple of weeks we will begin printing in earnest for the Eastern National Meet. We leave for Clayton in just 6 weeks. We hope to pick up a number of 2025 CNM Registrations while there. Plus, planning is going on for the Lake Geneva Poker Rally. Whew!

Ken & Carolyn

JULY 16 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. There would be a lot to talk about concerning the 2025 CNM so, he got right into the business portion of the meeting.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we have gained two new members, so we are currently at 59 memberships.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported that the ENM in New York is coming along fine with 108 registrations received. He encouraged our members to attend if possible.

Our Tech Talk was going to be about the 2025 CNM that we are hosting.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum reported that for June the Club had revenues of \$45 from dues and the 50/50 raffle. The Club had expenses of \$20 for the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

Dawn Zulas reported that there were no issues reported to her this month. I'm sure that you may know a member that may need some encouragement. If you think about it, maybe give them a call. I'm sure they would enjoy it.

Past Events

Ron Blum said that everyone had a great time at the Duals Night held in June. There were four Early V-8s there, and one former police car.

Future Events

- August 17 - Friendly Ford Car Show in Schaumburg
- September 27-29 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

Additional Items

We took a short break to enjoy the world-famous Carolyn Bounds cookies before the Tech Talk.

Ken Bounds gave a presentation on what was happening with the 2025 CNM that our Club is hosting in Springfield. He presented a list of jobs that needed workers (some were already filled). The Host Hotel has been booked and the contract signed. The National Club has approved our Meet, and we are applying for seed money. There will be a need for many people from our Club to help out next year.

Lastly, there was the 50/50 raffle in which Sam Dix was the lucky winner of \$20.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Rusty Medlin, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.



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10 Years Ago This Month – July 2014

About 70 members and a fleet of Early V-8s were present at the annual picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake on August 3. 215 registrants, 408 people, and 149 vehicles attended the 2014 Central National Meet in Springfield, hosted August 18 - 22 by the NIRG. The meet was a huge success and we hoped that it would not be another 28 years before we hosted our next one.

20 Years Ago This Month – August 2004

On August 7 Ed Fontana hosted the NIRGs participation at the World War II Warbird/Car Show at Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling. Fourteen members signed up for the show. Ron Blum showed a video of the event at the September meeting. At the August 17 monthly meeting there was discussion of the NIRG joining other regional groups in supporting the planned Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum in Auburn by joining the "100 Club."

30 Years Ago This Month – August 1994

Eleven members showed their Early V-8s at the 6th Annual Mount Prospect Historical Society car show August 14, hosted by Alan Wall. Of the 80 cars shown, Lloyd Duzell missed 1st Place by two votes with his '35 Tudor. Twenty-five members attended John Witthoef's mini-golf outing August 21 in Algonquin. After great time on "the links" everyone gathered for brunch at a restaurant in Oakwood Hills.

40 Years Ago This Month – August 1984

The NIRG annual picnic, held August 26 at the Glen Ellyn home of Larry & Sue Maas, was well-attended with over 75 present along with a number of Early V-8s. A planned pig roast had to be cancelled, but everyone enjoyed steaks furnished by Manny Safus which were grilled by Jim Pope and Rich Doligale. Activities included a water slide, a trampoline, and volleyball. These were for the kids.

50 Years Ago This Month – August 1974

An "almost perfect" August 18 saw 25 Early V-8s displayed at the NIRG annual picnic at the Groot's country home in St. Charles. A rough head count put the number of members, family, and friends at over 100! Bob Mengler's '36 Cabriolet was the star of the afternoon winning both the men's and the women's choice awards. The picnic included a short driving tour. There was plenty of good food, beer, pop, and ice cream.

Flathead Flashback

Joe Kozmic reacts to an unfortunate sign in Fontana, Wisconsin, September 30, 2007.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>May 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 31 Tour of Argonne National Laboratory</p>	<p>June 13 Board Meeting 17-21 Central National Meet -Auburn 27 Member Meeting 29 Duals Night - Culver's, Buffalo Grove</p>	<p>July 10 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Annual Picnic - Timmermann's Ranch, Island Lake</p>	<p>August 8 Board Meeting 17 Friendly Ford Car Show, Schaumberg 20 Member Meeting</p>
<p>September 12 Board Meeting 15-20 Eastern National Meet, Clayton NY 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 7 Board Meeting 9 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 12 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>



V-8 Gals



LAVA FLOW

- 1 oz. light rum
- 1 oz. Malibu® coconut rum
- 2 oz. fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 small banana
- 2 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice
- 2 oz. coconut cream

It's August...it's hot...it's a great time for cocktails! This year has me thinking about tropical drinks. I don't know what it is but put a cute little paper umbrella in a glass and I'm transported to the beaches of Hawaii. My absolute favorite tropical drink has to be the Lava Flow. It's the first thing I get whenever we go to Hawaii. It's quite yummy and refreshing. I hope you enjoy!

Blend the 2 rums and the strawberries in a blender to form a smooth paste. Pour this mixture into a tall (Collins or Hurricane) glass. Rinse the blender. Blend the banana, the coconut cream, and the pineapple juice in blender with crushed ice until smooth. Pour this mixture into the glass with the rums very slowly and watch as the strawberry mixture oozes its way to the top along the sides of the glass creating the flowing lava effect. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and paper umbrella.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 KIM TAYLOR (8/2), JOHN SCHEVE (8/7),
 ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ROGER OBECNY (8/19),
 & CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 GEORGE & DAWN ZULAS (8/17), JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18)
 & PAT & DEE MARONEY (8/29)**

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



Vehicles 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 \$40,000. Contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001.**



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Other Items For Sale

36 LB Block Engine. It has been completely rebuilt by Mike Yank of Speed Performance Engineering and Dyno Tested. It comes with a roll-around stand as well. I also have original cast iron heads and a cam that originally were in this block for sale. I also have a Generator and regulator set up by our Joe Serritella as well as other V-8 parts. **Contact Ray McMahon at 630-853-6832.**

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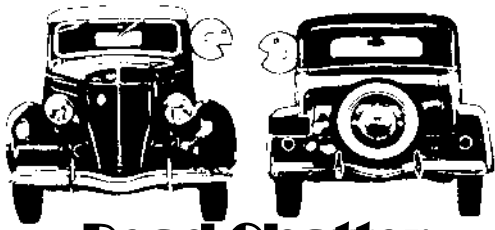
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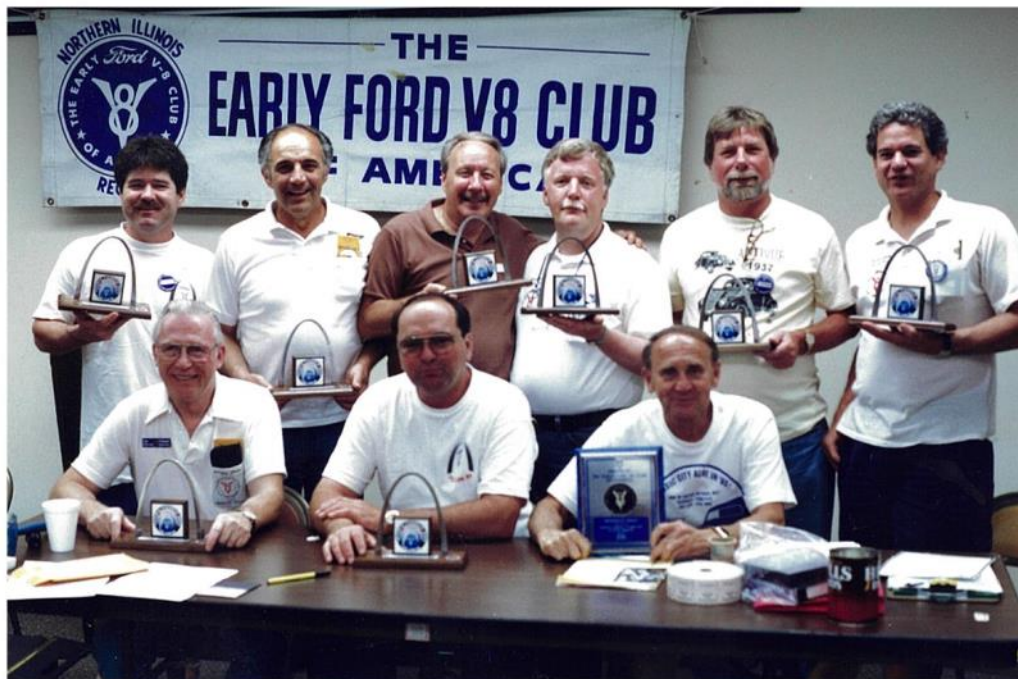
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**Joe Kozmic and Other Trophy Winners
From the 1996 Central National Meet**