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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

December 15 Christmas Luncheon - see details on page 3.

January 3 Deadline to RSVP for Installation Dinner. See enclosed flyer.

January 11 Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

No regular meetings in December





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A reminder that 2025 dues are due. If you have not already renewed, please submit your renewal form and payment to the Membership Chairman by the end of the year so you don't miss an issue of the Road Chatter and to ensure that your information is published in the 2025 roster. And Thank You to the 38 members who have already renewed.





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2024 OFFICERS

President Scott Gilday

Vice President Jay Hinshaw Secretary Gary Osborne Treasurer Ron Blum **Membership Chairman** Ken Bounds Health & Welfare Dawn Zulas **Tour Chairman** Open Newsletter Ken and Carolyn Bounds **Board of Directors** Ken Bounds **Rusty Medlin** Tom O'Donnell Este Scheve

MEETINGS

George Zulas

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

Welcome to December. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

First, I would like to introduce our newly confirmed 2025 officers. I will continue as President and congratulations go to our officers and board members who will remain in their positions: Vice President Jay Hinshaw, Treasurer Ron Blum, Secretary Gary Osborne, and Board Members Este Scheve, Rusty



Medlin, George Zulas, and Ken Bounds (who will also continue in his roles as Road Chatter Editor and Membership Chairman). In addition, I'd like to welcome Mike Heatherly to the Board and I would also like to introduce our chapter's first Junior Board Member, Ciena Gilday. Lastly, I thank outgoing board member Tom O'Donnell for his continued service to the club.

Next, I would like to thank Este Scheve for again hosting our annual Veteran's Day Lunch at The Patio in Lombard and honoring our members who served. I also thank Carolyn Bounds for sharing her special homemade Thanksgiving themed cookies which were a hit at our member meeting and complemented the Tech Talk my daughter Ciena and I did on our 41 Fordor engine quest. This month, please plan on attending our Christmas Brunch being hosted by Este at Granite City in Naperville on December 15th. As is our normal tradition, there will be no monthly meeting in December.

On a last note, our 41 Fordor sedan restoration took another positive turn, as my daughter and I confirmed that one of the engine blocks we got last month is viable for restoration (it passed its Magnaflux test), so we are now starting the restoration process! As part of this, below is a picture of our winning oil pan. Just like with the block, the third oil pan candidate seems to be the charm, after the previous two candi-

dates ended up having tiny rust holes. We pulled this off one of the motors we got last month.

2024 was a great year and we look forward to another one next year! To start off, please join us for our first event, our Annual Installation dinner on January 11th

at Cooper's Corner in Winfield.

Happy Holidays!!





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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Granite City Brewery, 1828 Abriter Ct, Naperville (just off I-88)

Mimosas, Bloody Marys, coffee and soft drinks are available and additional.

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Annual Christmas Brunch Join us for a brunch buffet! Granite City Brewery, 1828 Abriter Ct, Naperville December 15 at 10:30am \$26 plus tax and tip
Enjoy an egg station for omelets, benedicts, and breakfast sandwiches
Breads, pastries, fruits and berries
Bacon and hash browns
Prime rib and other chef specials
Plus other delicious surprises
Mimosas, Bloody Marys, coffee and soft drinks are available and addit If you did not sign up at the November meeting, please contact at 630.420.0029 and tell me you are coming. Deadline is Decenter If you did not sign up at the November meeting, please contact Este Scheve at 630.420.0029 and tell me you are coming. Deadline is December 10.

2025 Installation Dinner



January 11, 2025 Place: Time: Cost:

Cooper's Corner Winfield, Illinois Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM \$40.00 per person includes dinner and gratuity.



Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends

- **Social Hour/Dinner**
- **Swearing In of NIRG Officers for 2025**
- **Recognition of Service to the NIRG**

See enclosed flyer for dinner selections and more information. RSVP with dinner choice and payment to Jay Hinshaw by January 3. Page 4

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Annual Salute to our Veterans By Este Scheve

On November 9th, 18 members and family gathered at the Patio Restaurant to enjoy Bar b que, friendship and a few adult beverages. Those attending were Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Tom and Judy Buscaglia, John Judge, Pat and Dee Maroney, Gary Osborne, John and Este Scheve, John Slobodnik and his son, John, Ron and Colleen Steck, and George and Dawn Zulas along with their son Tom and his companion Denise. Everyone was visiting and having a good time until finally they were told 3 hours later to go home! I would call this lunch a success!



Model A Club 10th Annual Turkey Dinner By Dawn Zulas

On November 3, ten NIRG V-8 members and guests met in Elburn, Illinois, for an early Thanksgiving dinner. Members of four antique car clubs were present for this annual event at the Elburn Lions Club. Ten turkeys were prepared; the portions were generous and no one went away hungry. Attending from our group were Frank Madrigali and guest, Ron Dopke & Bernice Short, John Judge and guest Yolanda, Len & Irene Vinyard, and George & Dawn Zulas.

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Another Early V-8 Comes Home

Congratulations to Pay Maroney. He recently became the owner of this gorgeous 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe Convertible. We hope that Pat will send us an article about his new car for a

future issue, but here are some tidbits. We first saw the convertible when Tim and Melissa Nolan drove it to our July 21 picnic. We the car again in October when we toured Tim's collection in Cherry Valley on our fall colors tour.

We think Pat fell in love! In early December he and Gary Osborne drove out to Cherry Valley and Pat came home with a super new car. We are excited to hear about Pat's adventures with the car and to see it at upcoming events and the 2025 Central National Meet.

FROM THE EDITORS

How is it possible that another year is almost over? As we write this we are working on getting the Road Chatter out early for our annual anniversary trip to Maui. We leave bright and early on the 29th.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the Road Chatter this year. Your contributions in articles, tech tips, etc. are much appreciated. We still need more, though! Please consider sending in an article about your Early V-8. We would also appreciate your tech articles, contributions to the V-8 Gals page, and write-ups of Club events. It was another great year of recognition for the Road Chatter and with your help that can continue.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed to this issue with their articles and photos.

With Thanksgiving here, we think of so many things to be thankful for. We are thankful that we have three Early Ford V-8s that are parked in a warm garage at home; that all of them are reliable enough to start right up and go for a drive of any distance without a concern; that one of them received a Dearborn Award this year, joining the other two.

We are thankful for so many V-8 friends, both here in our local group and also all over the country. It was great to see hundreds of them at two very nice National Meets this year. We are particularly thankful that we got to spend so much time with Eric, Cheryl, and Erica Kozmic this summer as we helped retrieve Joe's cars from their virtual prison in Lombard, get them running reliably, and transported to their new home in South Carolina. The month of May was a blur. Even with many hours cleaning up the cars, doing several maintenance tasks, and lots of test driving, we still found some time to hoist a few (or more) and enjoy many good meals.

We hope all of you have a very happy holiday season. We hope to see many of you at the Christmas buffet on the 15th.





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Ken & Caroly

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November 12 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday was going to be a little late, so Ken Bounds opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. He welcomed all in attendance, then got right into the reports. When Scott arrived, he took over the meeting.

At the monthly Board Meeting on 11-6-24, the board proposed to amend our NIRG by-laws on these two issues: #1- the Secretary would be considered as a Board member to allow that person to have a vote on Club decisions. #2- the Membership Chairman would not be required to make name tags for the membership, but would leave open the possibility of their use in the future at the Board's discretion. A motion to accent these changes was made and passed



the Board's discretion. A motion to accept these changes was made and passed by the membership at the 11-12-2024 meeting.

Nominations continued for our officials for the year 2025, and those that were made were accepted as follows: President- Scott Gilday, Treasurer- Ron Blum, Secretary- Gary Osborne, Board of Directors- Rusty Medlin, Este Scheve, Ken Bounds, George Zulas, Mike Heatherly.

Appointed positions for 2025- Vice President- Jay Hinshaw, Membership Chairman- Ken Bounds, Health and Welfare Chairwoman- Dawn Zulas, Tour Chairman- available.

There was also a motion from the membership that was made and passed to allow for the position of a Junior Director. This was made for a 3 year trial basis with a 1 year term. A motion was made for Ciena Gilday to fill the position which was passed by the membership.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we have 58 members, with 31 renewals. Please send in your renewal to Ken.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported that the National Board is in the process of selecting a new president for 2025. Also, the CNM is the only Meet planned for next year.

Treasurer's Report

Ken Bounds read the Treasurer's Report as follows: revenues of \$1,382 for dues, 50/50, and CNM loan repayment. There were expenses of \$22 for the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

Dawn Zulas reported that cards had been sent out for those that were mentioned in last month's newsletter.

Past Events

Este Scheve gave a report on the Veteran's Day Lunch held on 11-9-24. There was a good turnout of people for the event. Everyone was having such a good time talking that they were there for many hours. Of course; there was also plenty of food.

Future Events

- 12-15-24 Christmas Brunch at Granite City Brewery in Naperville
- 1-11-25 Installation Dinner at Cooper's Corner in Winfield

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NOVEMBER 12 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Additional Items

The members took a break before the Tech Talk. Of course; what would a break be without the famous Carolyn Bounds cookies. Ken brought some in and they were snapped up immediately.

The evening's Tech Talk was given by Scott Gilday and his daughter Ciena. It was a slide presentation of their progress on the 1941 engine rebuild. Lots of adventures locating a good block that was not cracked. The parts were all taken to the machine shop after disassembly. To be continued.

After the Tech Talk there were two raffles to be taken. The 50/50 raffle in which Ken Bounds took home \$26. There was also the annual Turkey raffle in which 3 people were able to take home \$25 each for the purchase of a turkey for Thanksgiving. The winners were Gary Osborne, Ken Bounds, and Jay Hinshaw.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Scott Gilday, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Bob Miller, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, Este Scheve, George Zulas, Dawn Zulas.

Congratulations to the newly elected	l
NIRG Officers for 2025	100

President:	Scott Gilday	
Secretary:	Gary Osborne	
Treasurer:	Ron Blum	
Board of Directors:	Ken Bounds, Rusty Medlin, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Este	
	Scheve, and George Zulas	

This Just In!

We have just learned that the National Board of Directors has elected Dave Gunnarson of Virginia as the 2025 National President. Congratulations Dave. We will see you in Springfield.

In Memoriam - Mary McMahon March 5, 1948 - November 8, 2024

Earlier this month Ray McMahon lost his wife of 53 years, Mary. Mary was born in Brooklyn, New York, and was a math teacher in various cities and even had a stint as a cost accountant at Boeing. She and Ray were married March 20, 1971 and lived in Naperville for many years where Mary taught at North Central College.

Our sincere condolences to Ray and his family.

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Here's an easy holiday treat. Try Christmas Tree Jigglers from our friends at Jell-O.



2 cups boiling water, divided
4 pkg. (3 oz. each) JELL-O Lime Flavor Gelatin, divided
1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
1/4 cup multi-colored sprinkles



- 1. Add 1-1/3 cups boiling water to 2 pkg. gelatin mixes in medium bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Pour into 8-inch-square dish sprayed with cooking spray. Refrigerate 25 to 30 min. or until set but not firm.
- 2. Meanwhile, add remaining boiling water to remaining gelatin mixes in medium bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in evaporated milk. Refrigerate 15 min. or until slightly thickened; pour over gelatin layer in dish.
- 3. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Unmold onto cutting board just before serving; cut into 4 rows, then cut each row into 7 alternating triangles. Garnish with sprinkles. Reserve gelatin trimmings for snacking.

Can anyone relate to this?????

Wife's Diary:

Tonight, I thought my husband was acting weird. We had made plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping with my friends all day long, so I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late, but he made no comment on it. Conversation wasn't forthcoming or flowing, so I suggested that we go somewhere quiet so we could talk. He agreed, but he still didn't say much.

I asked him what was wrong; he said, "Nothing." I asked him if it was my fault that he was upset. He said he wasn't upset, that it had nothing to do with me and not to worry about it. On the way home, I told him that I loved him. He smiled slightly, and kept driving.

I can't explain his behavior I don't know why he didn't say, "I love you, too." When we got home, I felt as if I had lost him completely, as if he wanted nothing to do with me anymore. He just sat there quietly and watched TV. He continued to seem distant and absent. Finally, with silence all around us, I decided to go to bed. About 15 minutes later, he came to bed. But I still felt that he was distracted and his thoughts were somewhere else. He fell asleep -- I cried. I don't know what to do. I'm almost sure that his thoughts are with someone else. My life is a disaster.

<u>Husband's Diary</u>:

V-8 wouldn't start, can't figure it out.

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TECH CORNER



OK, guys, face it (and don't tell the ladies). Sometimes during the holidays you just have to sneak out for a beer. If you are having any trouble with your beer, here is a Beer **Troubleshooting Chart** that just may help you. This also works when you are celebrating fixing a V-8 problem.

Symptom	Fault	ACTION
Feet cold and wet.	Glass being held at incorrect an- gle.	Rotate glass so that open end points toward ceiling.
Feet warm and wet.	Improper bladder control.	Stand next to nearest dog, com- plain about house training.
Beer unusually pale and tasteless.	Glass empty.	Get someone to buy you another beer.
Opposite wall covered with fluo- rescent lights.	You have fallen over backward.	Have yourself leashed to bar.
Mouth contains cigarette butts.	You have fallen forward.	See above.
Beer tasteless, front of your shirt is wet.	Mouth not open, or glass applied to wrong part of face.	Retire to restroom, practice in mirror.
Floor blurred.	You are looking through bottom of empty glass.	Get someone to buy you another beer.
Floor moving.	You are being carried out.	Find out if you are being taken to another bar.
Room seems unusually dark.	Bar has closed.	Confirm home address with bar- tender.
Taxi suddenly takes on colorful aspect and textures.	Beer consumption has exceeded personal limitations.	Cover mouth.
Everyone looks up to you and smiles.	You are dancing on the table.	Fall on somebody cushy-looking.
Beer is crystal-clear.	It's water. Somebody is trying to sober you up.	Punch him.
Hands hurt, nose hurts, mind un- usually clear.	You have been in a fight.	Apologize to everyone you see, just in case it was them.
Don't recognize anyone, don't recognize the room you're in.	You've wandered into the wrong party.	See if they have free beer.
Your singing sounds distorted.	The beer is too weak.	Have more beer until your voice improves.
Don't remember the words to the song.	Beer is just right.	Play air guitar

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10 Years Ago This Month - December 2014

On December 7, a lovely Sunday afternoon, 22 members and friends met for our annual Christmas lunch at Jameson's Charhouse in Woodridge, hosted by John & Este Scheve. The December Road Chatter contained an article wrapping up the very successful 2014 Central National Meet.

20 Years Ago This Month - December 2004

The annual Christmas Brunch was held December 12 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. Sadly, we could find no report of the event. The December Road Chatter listed the names of all the outgoing officers and board members along with the incoming officers for 2005, led by newly elected President Ron Dopke.

30 Years Ago This Month - December 1994

On December 11, Norm & Dolly Collins hosted the 5th Annual Christmas Brunch in Long Grove. The event was a huge success with 42 in attendance. The December 13 monthly meeting was held at Hoosier Grove Park in Streamwood, arranged by Tony Spensieri. Outgoing President Ken Bounds thanked everyone for their support over the last three years. After the meeting, Tony led a tour of the old schoolhouse.

40 Years Ago This Month - December 1984

At the December 11 monthly meeting, plans were moving forward for the 1986 Central National Meet, subject to approval by the National Board at their January 21, 1985 meeting. Lloyd Duzell was looking into raffle possibilities. Marty Duling passed along the hard luck trophy to Rich Doligale. Tom O'Donnell won \$17 in the 50-50 raffle (Tom will probably tell you this was the last time he won).

50 Years Ago This Month - December 1974

The annual NIRG Christmas Party was held December 14 at Bamberger's Restaurant in Schiller Park with 29 merry -making couples enjoying an open bar, a dinner of German food, introduction of new officers and dancing to music provided by a band. The December newsletter included a message from outgoing President Len O'Connor thanking the 67 members for a great year of club growth and activities.

Flathead Flashback

NIRG group at the Old State Capitol on the Springfield Christmas Tour, December 12, 1972.



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September	October	November	December
 12 Board Meeting 15-20 Eastern National Meet, Clayton NY 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally 	10 Board Meeting12 Fall Colors Tour15 Member Meeting	 7 Board Meeting 9 Veterans Day Lunch, The Patio, Lombard 12 Member Meeting 	No Meetings 15 Annual Christmas Luncheon, Granite City Brewery, Naperville
 January 9 Board Meeting 11 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield 21 Member Meeting 	February 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	March 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	April 10 Board Meeting 15 Pizza Meeting (Tentative)



2025 Central National Meet Springfield, Illinois

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Mary Anderson (12/4), Dan Pudelek (12/10), Janis Dix (12/15), Margaret Koeder (12/25), Ken Bounds (12/26), Kitty Freihage (12/29), Millie Novak (12/29) & Rich Anderson (12/31)

Happy Anniversary to Michael & Grace Mohawk (12/3), Ken & Carolyn Bounds (12/6), John & Marilyn Krenger (12/12), and Terry & Kitty Freihage (12/19)

> AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH



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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.



1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan

- Starts, Stops, Runs
- This is a Preservation not a Restoration
- Available after October 14

Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925 to discuss price.



1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe for Sale

- Museum quality
- Third owner
- Asking \$40,000 or best offer

Call Bob Miller at 847-651-7207 or by email at roberthmiller2@comcast.net for more info.



Totally restored 48" round original "Mr. Speedee" McDonald's neon sign. Mint condition, new neon tubes, all neon colors work. Asking \$600. Call Bob Miller at 847-651-7207 or by email at roberthmiller2@comcast.net

Wanted

Wanted: 2-speed 6-volt blower motor for 1940 Ford hot water heater. Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095.

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Other Items For Sale

Traffic signal; - sits on a standard with base, stands approximately 6'6' tall. 120 volts, cycles through red, yellow, green. Great garage display. \$600.00 Contact Ron Dopke at 815-344-1335.

1940-1948 Ford 16" wheels. Three new at \$60 each; two used at \$30 each. **Contact Ron Dopke at 815** -344-1335.

Three 16" pickup rims. Contact Tom Myers at 847-308-1495.

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.



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Photo of the Month Pat Maroney with his "New" 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe Convertible