

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

February 5 - Deadline to RSVP for Valentine's Day Luncheon - see Page 3.

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

February 10 - Valentine's Luncheon. See Page 3 for details.

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



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

February 14 Happy Valentine's Day. Remember your special person.

Feb 18 32nd Annual BOPC Swap Meet & Car Corral, Kane County Fairgrounds, St. Charles. 8am - 2pm. \$8 admission.

Feb 10-19 116th Annual Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, \$17 adult, \$12 seniors 62 and older.

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Back Cover – The new NIRG Officers for 2024 at the Installation Banquet.

Note: We plan to have the 2024 Rosters available at the March meeting.



Meeting Reminder

Please plan to attend our first meeting of 2024. Scott Gilday went over to Tom O'Donnell's house a few months ago to assist him in adjusting the brakes on his 1940 Mercury. Scott will provide a tech talk on that subject.

Jay Hinshaw will be brewing his famous fresh coffee. Unfortunately, there will be no Carolyn's Cookies this month as she will be relaxing approximately 4,181 miles west of here.

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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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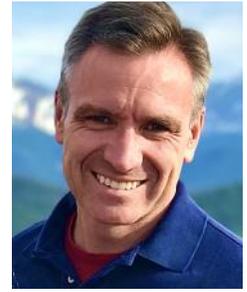
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to winter! Though as I'm writing this message, it's now a balmy 38 degrees after all the snow and cold we endured earlier in the month. Our family kicked off 2024 in Colorado. As you may recall, I was recovering from rotator cuff surgery on my right arm at the start of 2023, and my surgeon vetoed any skiing so I was more than ready to get back on the slopes this year. After taking it for an extensive test drive this month, I'm happy to report my shoulder repair appears to be holding, and I'm skiing better than ever!



Speaking of the weather, thanks to everyone who braved the elements and came out to the (rescheduled) Installation Dinner at Cooper's Corner in Winfield on January 14th. A special thanks to Jay Hinshaw for making the arrangements and working with the restaurant to push our dinner back a day in light of the snow forecast. I would also like to recognize Ken & Carolyn Bounds for going out of their way to give Elaine Braun a lift so she could join us.



Next month, we have our Valentine's Luncheon coming up on Saturday, February 10th at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. If you haven't already RSVP'd to me, please let me know if you're planning to attend as we haven't yet hit our 20-person minimum for the restaurant.

Last, but not least, a literal oldie but goodie. I finally drank the last can of Miller Lite from the case I had purchased for the Springfield EFV8 Meet back in 2014. As you may recall, I ran into some issues at that meet with my trailer vehicle and ended up leaving the festivities early before I had finished my case. Even though the can was well past its expiration date in September 2018, it still tasted great (and less filling too!) For the record, our editor was appalled and felt my conduct was unbecoming an EFV8 president. I promise I'll try to set a better example and show more respect for beer expirations in the future.



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**2024 Valentine's Luncheon**

- Date:** Saturday, February 10, 2024
Time: 11 am
Place: Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy, Barrington
Cost: \$39.00 per person including tax and gratuity. Coffee/iced tea/soft drinks are included; other beverages are additional; attendees will pay their server directly.

Scott and Nicole invite you and your sweetheart to join them at Makray Memorial Golf Club for the club's annual Valentine's Luncheon. Everyone seemed to have such a great time at this venue last year, so we decided to do an encore.

Menu**House Salad**

with choice of dressing

Your Choice of Entrée Selections:

served with fresh rolls and butter

Petite Filet

*4oz petite filet served with cabernet garlic demi,
roasted garlic mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables*

Chicken Piccata

*lightly breaded and seared, served with angel hair pasta,
lemon caper butter and seasonal vegetables*

Grilled Salmon

Smoked tomato butter, jasmine rice blend and braised spinach

Dessert

Please RSVP to Scott Gilday with your headcount via phone/text (312-953-6855) or email srgilday@msn.com NO LATER THAN February 5.

2024 Installation Dinner By Ken Bounds

On a frigid Sunday night, January 14, seventeen intrepid members braved the elements to gather at Cooper's Corner in Winfield for our Annual Installation Dinner. Several arrived before the 6:00 pm start time, but all were a day late. The dinner had been scheduled for the previous day, but by late in the week the weather forecast predicted blizzard conditions all day Friday and into Saturday. Roads might be impassable and the balmy temperatures in the 30's were about to plummet. At a Thursday night Zoom meeting, the board made the decision to postpone the event by one day and fortunately the restaurant supported that decision.

Event organizer Jay Hinshaw worked overtime to make this dinner happen. He had accomplished his "normal" duties of setting the entire event up and receiving RSVP's and payments. But with the last-minute change in plans by the Board, Jay contacted the restaurant to get the change approved and contacted everyone who had signed up to let them know of the revised date. Thank you, Jay!

For much of the area, the "blizzard" was not quite as bad as predicted. However, the northern and northwest suburbs were hit hard with blowing snow still creating challenging driving conditions on Sunday. The Board decision was a good one. Unfortunately, the above-average winter temperatures we have enjoyed for several years must have headed south. The high that day was -3 and the temperature had dropped to about -10 by dinner time. Brrr.

We were thrilled that Elaine Braun was able to join us for the evening. Other chilled participants were Ron & Arlene Blum, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Scott & Nicole Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, Rusty & Melanie Medlin, Gary & Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, and George & Dawn Zulas.

We started with a nice hospitality hour where we were able to renew acquaintances, compare



Event organizer V.P. Jay Hinshaw



Elaine Braun, Ken & Carolyn Bounds



President & First Lady Scott & Nicole Gilday

notes about the weather, and order our meals from a menu specially prepared for our event. The wait staff was prompt and helpful. The food was delicious and everyone was happy that we took a chance on this new place – it will probably not be the last time we visit. In case we were getting too warm, the meal was topped off with yummy ice cream.

After the meal, returning President Scott Gilday took the floor for several remarks. Scott thanked

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Arlene & Ron Blum



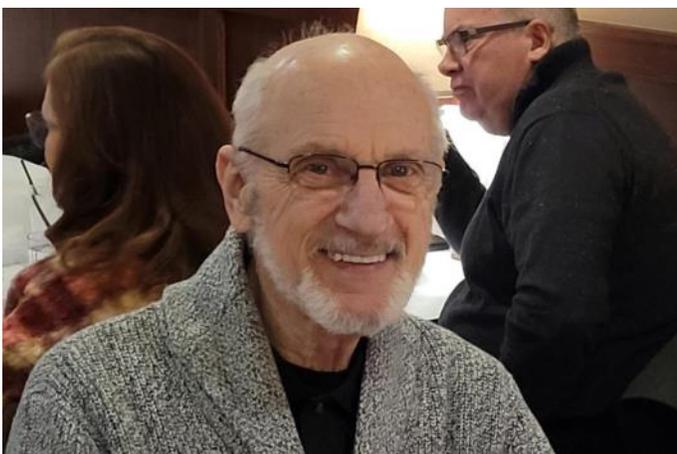
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Dan Pudelek



John & Este Scheve

the outgoing club officers and board and introduced the new officers for 2024. He also detailed the special contributions to the club by various members over the past year. Scott read from a letter from the national newsletter competition judge, revealing that the Road Chatter had been awarded 2nd Place for 2023, and presented a certificate to Ken. It was also pointed out that our own John Emmering won first place for his Hoosier Views for RG #56.

Finally, it was time for the always fun swearing in of new officers. Everyone raised their right hand as Ken led them in the traditional “So Help Me Henry” oath of office.

After some more time spent visiting, several members started leaving because of long drives and a frigid ride home. It was a great time and we thank the staff at Cooper’s Corner, all the members who braved the cold to attend, and especially Jay for organizing the festivities.



Enjoying a great meal



Swearing in of 2024 Officers and Board

2024 National Meet Updates

2024 Central National Meet ▪ Auburn Indiana June 17-21, 2024

Full registration is now open! Visit the meet website at 2024cnm.com for full registration forms, the tentative schedule, how to make your hotel reservations, and more.

Most meet activities will be held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Come see the newly opened Jerry Windle events center.

As of now, we have received 77 registrations - including 27 full registrations.



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

Early registration is available and we expect the full registration package soon. Visit the meet website at efordv8-59.org for registration forms, how to make your hotel reservations, and more.

This meet will be held in the stunning 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. This will be a very special experience. So far, we have received 67 registrations for this event.



FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

What a roller-coaster ride we were on with January's weather! After enjoying a much milder than normal winter with temperatures well above average and almost no snow, the bottom dropped out. The first week of the year was in the upper 30's. On January 4, I even drove the Crestliner to meet Eric Kozmic at Joe's house for an appraisal of the antique cars. A few days later we were hit with several inches of a heavy, wet snow. A few days after that the temperature plummeted to below zero. The blizzard conditions of the second weekend caused the club to postpone the installation dinner by one day. The continuing sub-zero temperatures caused the club to cancel the January member meeting.



What goes down must come up? Now we are in the last week of the month, the balmy temperatures are back, the heavy snow is gone. Buy a ticket and get in line – here comes February!

January wasn't all bad news. We were thrilled to learn that the Road Chatter was awarded 2nd Place in the national newsletter competition. We thank outgoing newsletter judge Bill Wilson for his dedicated work at a thankless job and all the regional groups who participated. But most important, we thank you our fellow club members for keeping the group interesting and active so we have something to report in the newsletter.



Scott presents the Second Place certificate to Ken at the awards banquet

We extend very special congratulations to the competition winner, Indiana RG#56 Hoosier Views edited by our own John & Robin Emmering, who also published the Road Chatter for several years. They do a great job!

Now comes the annual appeal. We cannot do this without you.

- Please provide us pictures and writeups of club events.
- Please provide us tips and other items for the Tech Corner.
- Please provide us articles, recipes, etc. for the V-8 Gals Page.
- And remember that our For Sale/Wanted page is always there for you to post goodies for sale or to let members know what you are looking for.

Ken & Carolyn





TECH CORNER



I-Pass Sticker Tags are Here!

Gone are the days of those bulky transponders. The new I-Pass Stickers are available now at the Illinois Tollway Customer Service Center at 2700 Ogden Ave in Downers Grove and at any tollway oasis. You may obtain a sticker for each license plate registered in your I-pass account – I picked up five of them today. The good news is that they are free! When you turn in an old transponder, the \$10 deposit will be credited to your toll account. The stickers will also be available for a service fee at Jewel-Osco and Road Ranger starting in February.

The new stickers use RFID technology, so there is no battery to run down. And they are really small. The sticker measures about 1” x 3.8”, about half the size of the current “mini” transponder and much smaller than previous versions. Plus, it is paper thin. It must be permanently attached to your windshield behind the rearview mirror about 4-6” away from the metal frame. I have been using the license plate transponders on the antiques and will not miss them. With today’s nice weather, I just tried one out on our Crestliner. The good news - it worked! The license plate transponder is history.

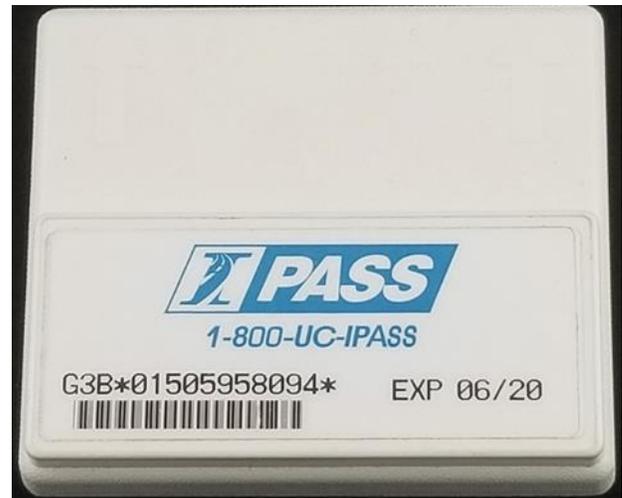
There are a couple of downsides. First, because the stickers must be permanently attached, there is no more moving them from vehicle to vehicle. Not much of a problem since they are free with no deposit, but this prevents using your I-Pass in a borrowed or rental vehicle. To do that, you must retain one of the old-style transponders. Please be aware that a specific sticker must now be associated with a specific license plate in your account. You can do that online or call I-Pass. Also know that there are special rules for vehicles with more than two axles or four tires, including those pulling trailers. Those customers must trade their transponder for a “blue” transponder.



New I-Pass Toll Tag Sticker



“Mini” transponder



Traditional transponder - early 2000's



License plate transponder



TECH CORNER



As you can see, the new stickers also have E-ZPass imprinted on them. The I-Pass sticker is accepted anywhere that E-ZPass is accepted, now including the Florida turnpike. This means that 35 toll agencies in 20 states accept the I-Pass.

Try as I might, I could not find a picture of the old original I-Pass - the big ones with the replaceable battery. I still miss the BEEP when you passed through the toll gates.



Purple shows where I-Pass is accepted



V-8 Gals



The True History of Valentines Day

by Mani Niall

<http://www.pastrywiz.com/valentine/valentines.htm>

Mid-February was traditionally the time of the Lupercian festival, an ode to the God of fertility and a celebration of sensual pleasure, a time to meet and court a prospective mate. In AD 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan festival. But he was clever to replace it with a similar celebration, although one deemed morally suitable. He needed a "lovers" saint to replace the pagan deity Lupercus.

The martyred Bishop Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new festival.

Saint Valentine had been beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of the mad emperor Claudius. Before execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with his jailer's daughter. He signed his final note to her, "From Your Valentine", a phrase that has lasted through the centuries.

Pope Gelasius didn't get everything he wanted. The pagan festival died out, it is true, but he had further hoped people would emulate the lives of saints. Instead they latched onto the more romantic aspect of Saint Valentines religious life. While not immediately as popular as the more passionate pagan festival, eventually the concept of celebrating true love became known as Valentine's Day.



10 Years Ago This Month – February 2014

Twenty-one members, including Lloyd and Gladys Duzell and Jack and Jean Nikolich, attended the Valentine's Luncheon at Winberie's Restaurant in Buffalo Grove, hosted by Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell Saturday February 15.

20 Years Ago This Month – February 2004

At the February 17 monthly meeting, Tom O'Donnell presented a tech talk and demonstration on testing V-8 coils and condensers. Tom used a Snap-On tester but advised a Sun machine could be used as well. Much of the meeting had been spent discussing the tours and events planned for the year, but alas no events were planned for February.

30 Years Ago This Month – February 1994

The February Road Chatter contained a letter from Norm Miller in which he talked about his 20th anniversary in the NIRG in January and his memories of the 1973 Grand National before he knew about the local club. At the February 15 monthly meeting there was discussion of National Meets. There was no interest in going this year as everyone felt they were too far away. A February 20 tour to Al Capone's unfortunately had to be rescheduled for a later date.

40 Years Ago This Month – February 1984

The Valentine's Day meeting was gaveled to order by new President Rich Doligale. Membership Chairman Joe Novak introduced Frank Koeder who came as a guest and left as a member. Earl Heintz took home a whopping \$28 in the 50-50 raffle. On February 25, nearly 70 NIRG members, family, and guests attended a candlelight bowling night at Warrenville Bowl hosted by Dave & Judy French. Everyone had a great time and prizes were awarded.

50 Years Ago This Month – February 1974

The monthly meeting was held on a special date, February 5, so the club could have access to a movie made by Jay Harris (1979-80 National President) about the 1973 Grand National Meet in Dearborn. Twenty-seven movie critics in attendance gave Jay's "amateur" production rave reviews, followed by cookies baked by Lois Wall and a chocolate cake baked by Dorothy Bischoff.

Flathead Flashback

Our group at the 2009 Valentine's Day Dinner and Play at Pheasant Run Resort, 15 years ago.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>January 11 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield 16 Member Meeting</p>	<p>February 8 Board Meeting 10 Valentine's Luncheon, Barrington 20 Member Meeting</p>	<p>March 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting</p>	<p>April 11 Board Meeting 16 Pizza Meeting (Tentative)</p>
<p>May 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>June 13 Board Meeting 17-21 Central National Meet -Auburn 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>July 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting</p>	<p>August 8 Board Meeting 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 9 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>

Did you know?



*30 days hath September,
 April, June, and November.*

All the rest have 31...

Except January which has about 973.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**VICKI BECK (2/3), PAULA BAUGHN (2/11), PAT STACEY (2/12),
 LEN VINYARD (2/14), FRANK MADRIGALI (2/21),
 & CHERYL KOZMIC (2/28)**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

STAN & JO ANNE STACK (2/14)

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



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**Photo of the Month
Regional Group Officers for 2024
At the Installation Banquet**