ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

September 12 Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

September 17 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

September 27-29 16th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally. See Page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

September 2 Happy Labor Day.

September 15-10 Eastern National Meet, Clayton, New York.

September 22 Fall begins at 7:43 am CDT.

September 17 Annual Orphan Car Show (open to discontinued brands) sponsored by Illinois Valley Olds Club, 1503 Clement St., Joliet, 10am - 3pm, \$15 show cars

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Attention Members

A graveside service with military honors will be held for Joe Kozmic on Monday, September 23 at 10:00 am at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. We hope many will attend to honor Joe's memory. Please arrive by 9:30 as we are told these services go off with military precision. The cemetery is on Hoff Road at Illinois 53, just south of Ellwood.

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MEETINGS

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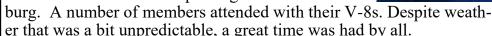
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello again,

Welcome to September. Hopefully you have some great Labor Day plans that involve driving your V-8 (in addition to the barbeque).

Last month's activities started with Randy Yockey's Friendly Ford Car Show on August 17th in the Boomer's Baseball Team parking lot in Schaum-



Next, for our monthly meeting, we took advantage of some great weather to start off by kicking the tires on six member's V-8s (below). Then, during the meeting, Ken Bounds took the time to share some great stories about long-time member Joe Kozmic who passed away in July. Others also had some great memories to share, and we all laughed about how much fun Joe was.





This month, in addition to our regular monthly meeting on September 17th, a few of our members will be attending the 2024 Eastern National Meet in Clayton, New York on Sep 15th – 20th, and then Ken and Carolyn Bounds will be hosting their Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally on September 27th - 29th. This fun event is a great way to enjoy a nice weekend tour in the Wisconsin countryside with fellow V-8ers before the weather starts to change.

I look forward to seeing you this month at our club events!

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to Rusty Medlin. His mother, Frances Medlin passed away on August 26th at her home in Plano, Texas, just one month short of her 100th birthday. Fran grew up in South Bend before moving to Texas in 1946 to take a job as a flight hostess with Braniff Airways.

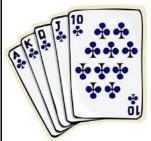


UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

16th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally - September 27 - 29

The time is almost here for our first event of the fall! You are invited to join your Northern Illinois Group friends for a driving tour to the Lake Geneva area for our sixteenth annual poker rally Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29.

We will gather at 9:30 am at the Town and Country Mall at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads Friday morning September 27, **leaving at 10:00 am** for the tour to the Lake Geneva area. There will be a lunch stop about noon at a restaurant somewhere between Arlington Heights and Delavan - you never know how we will get there.



We are staying at the Delavan Comfort Suites. If you had a room last year, your room is already reserved for this year. Although the deadline for reserving rooms has passed, if you do not have a room and want to attend, please contact Ken Bounds to see if we can find you accommodations.

We have planned a fun, relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants and plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing. We will be playing

our traditional poker game with prizes awarded for the best poker hand and the worst hand. Weather permitting, we will be playing car games Friday afternoon.

Our Saturday driving tour will take us to East Troy where we will enjoy an electric train ride to Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago. We will have lunch in East Troy and visit the Railroad Museum. Prizes will be awarded at dinner Saturday evening.



Please confirm with Ken Bounds at 630-408-4006 (call or text) or at ken@boundshome.com to let him know if you plan to participate in this event.

Save the Date: Saturday, October 12

Gary Osborne is arranging a Rock River Area Fall Tour. This is a combo fall colors tour of rural Illinois and the Rock River area along with a tour of the collection of Tim Nolan, the Greater Rockford Area Regional Group President.

We will meet at the McDonalds on the SE corner of

Route 64 and Route 59 in West Chicago at 8:00 am for a round-trip tour of about 140 miles.

Gary will have a signup sheet and discuss the tour at the September meeting. Watch the October Road Chatter for more details.





Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show By Ken Bounds

On Saturday, August 17, fellow member Randy Yockey hosted his annual Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show. This show, which is always free to the public, had outgrown his dealership lot and was moved to a new, much larger location – the Wintrust Field parking lot, home of the Schaumburg Boomers professional baseball team.

In spite of a forecast of possible rain showers, there was a large turnout of show cars of every sort. Randy had set aside a row for the Northern Illinois Regional Group. Members who drove their Early V-8's were Ken Bounds – 1950 Crestliner, John Judge – 1948 Lincoln, Tom Myers – 1945 Pickup, Tom O'Donnell, son Steve, and granddaughter McKenna – 1953 Lincoln, Dan Pudelek – 1950 Crestliner, and John & Este Scheve – 1947 Coupe. Pat Maroney, Gary Osborne, and Randy Yockey with several family members were also in attendance.

The show was a lot of fun with many interesting cars, music and a few food trucks. We had lots of time to do some visiting and look at a lot of nice cars, but also got our exercise. Two cloudbursts sent us scurrying to our cars for a short time, but everyone toweled their vehicles off and carried on. Twice.

None of our members won trophies, but one of our former members, Paul Lunecki received a trophy for his 1951 Sedan. Former member Dennis Bohannon was also there with his original 1950 Crestliner.



Two Lincolns - John J 1948 above, Tom O 1953 below





Two 1950 Ford Crestliners - Dan left, Ken right

Before the day was over, we were taken by surprise when Randy presented our regional group a check for \$150 for supporting the hobby. The donation is much appreciated. Randy also invited our group to visit his Yockeyville museum any time; we will likely take him up on the offer in the spring.





Tom M's rare 1945 Pickup. Note the sky.

John & Este with their '47 Coupe

Eric Kozmic's "New" Old Cars By Ken Bounds

Many times over the years we have published "Welcome Home" articles when an Early V-8 comes to a member's home. This one is a little different - this is about Joe Kozmic's cars going to a new home. "Everyone knew" that Joe wanted his cars to go to his sons; unfortunately, Joe never took any legal action to enable this to happen. Eric *really* wanted to keep all his dad's cars but had to jump through an unimaginable maze of hoops to get them.

Starting in May, I had the privilege of working with Eric to get the cars. Eric handled all the twists and turns of the legal work which became more complicated with Joe's unexpected passing. We got the '37 Ford and the '53 Mercury running and did minor mechanical work to make sure they were reliable and roadworthy. Meanwhile the '63 Split-Window Corvette spent several weeks at D&M Corvette in Downer's Grove to get it ready to drive. We had a lot of fun driving all three cars to test them out before putting them in storage in Batavia.

Finally, on August 23rd, Illinois said goodbye to Joe's cars as I drove them out of their storage homes to the transport. Eric was waiting anxiously at home in South Carolina where they arrived safe and sound two days later.

Congratulations Eric, and welcome home! We hope Eric will keep us up to date on his exploits with his "new" cars. Who knows - maybe we will see one at a National Meet somewhere soon. Hint.



In Batavia, ready to load up

AUGUST 20 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Seeing as it was a beautiful summer evening with several Early Fords in the parking lot, the Meeting started a few minutes late. President Scott Gilday opened the meeting at 7:43 P.M. by welcoming everyone. There were no visitors, so he got right into the business portion of the Meeting.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that the Club currently has 59 members. We have had a couple of new people join this summer and we are looking forward to seeing them at upcoming events.



National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported that there are currently 110 registrations for the ENM in Clayton, NY in September. Several of our members are also attending the event. He noted that the National Board is having a Zoom board meeting on 8/24/24 that he will attend.

The 2025 CNM that we are hosting is coming along great with 33 registrations so far. Most of the contracts are signed and many people from all across the U.S. are calling to help out. We are still looking for many of our members to help out at the meet.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum reported that the Club had revenues of \$142.50 from dues and the 50/50 raffle. The expenses were \$1,881.70 for the Road Chatter, the annual picnic, room rent, and the 2025 CNM.

Health and Welfare Report

Please note that the service for Joe Kozmic will be September 23 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Dawn Zulas has asked if you have any concerns that our club members can help you walk through, please give her a call. As a Club we all care about each other, but sometimes we don't know what each of us is going through. It's always nice to receive a card, note, or call from a fellow Club member.

Past Events

Ken Bounds reported on our picnic. We had a good amount of people (35), and it was really a fun time as everyone caught up on things. Our special guest Michelle Gibbons gave a wonderful presentation on Bonnie Parker and her relationship with Clyde Barrow. There were a few showers in the area but most of us stayed dry.

Ken Bounds and others gave a report on the Friendly Ford Car Show on August 17. Although there were a few showers that came down, there were quite a few cars there. The new venue had plenty of parking, food, music, and fun as everyone enjoyed this 11th annual car show that member Randy Yockey hosts. Randy and his family put on this show to give back to the car community. We all sure do appreciate it.

Future Events

- September 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally
- October 12 Rock River Area Fall Tour

AUGUST 20 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Additional Items

A short break was taken to enjoy the wonderful cookies made by Carolyn Bounds. Then Ken Bounds led a time of sharing memories and stories about the life of Joe Kozmic. Several members also shared their experiences with Joe. We all had a good time remembering Joe and the impact that he had on our lives.

There was no 50/50 raffle this month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Terry Elliott, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Rusty Medlin, Tom Myers, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Este Scheve, and George Zulas.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

This is the time when the printers are smoking at the Bounds house. We are in the midst of printing the piles of name badges, windshield cards, judging sheets, ballots, event tickets, etc., etc. for the Eastern National Meet. In less than two weeks we will load everything up, including the printer, into Carolyn's car and the '50 Convertible to begin the 789-mile trip to Clayton, New York.



The meet is really shaping up. There are 112 registrations and 84 vehicles. The host hotel is sold out. We have never been to that area and are really looking forward to this meet and seeing so many V-8 friends.

The Eastern Meet has generously offered us space to promote our 2025 Central National Meet and time at the welcome party to talk about it. While at the meet we hope to get several registrations and will be offering our reduced "2024 Meet Special" registration rate. We hope to have our credit card readers working to accept the fee.

It has been a very positive month for our 2025 CNM. We already have 36 early registrations and members have been making their reservations at the Crowne Plaza. We had wonderful news from Sam Van Bruggen that he will again provide signs for our meet. We all remember what a terrific job he and Nina did with signage at the 2014 meet. Thank you Sam! Este is hard at work arranging for entertainment for the ladies luncheon. Michael Driskell at 3rd Gen Automotive has agreed to donate the judges' shirts. WSE anticipate planning to really heat up in the coming months.

September is going to be hectic for us. Before we leave for Clayton I still need to make my bonsai run to Wisconsin to check routes and complete arrangements for the Poker Rally. I also need to get the Convertible ready for the long trip. On Friday, 9/20, we begin a one- or two-day drive home in time for Joe Kozmic's service on Monday the 23rd. The Poker Rally is the next weekend. So when we return home from that on the 29th, there should be plenty of time to get the October Road Chatter out. Right? Wish us luck!



Summer is on its way out the door and fall is just bursting to come in. For all of us who are not ready, here is a bit of fall humor to hopefully make the transition a little easier.

Autumn Humor

Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning.

Autumn -- time to drag out your winter clothes and see what kind of summer fun the moths had.

I got tired of looking at all those leaves in my yard, so I got up off the couch and went into action. I closed the curtains.

I can hardly wait until all the leaves turn brown to match the grass.

Autumn is a great time of the year. Soon those ugly patches of dead grass in your lawn will be covered up -- with ugly patches of dead leaves.

Clever Uses For Wax Paper

- Unstick pages—If you've accidently spilled water on a book, separate the damaged pages with pieces of wax paper, then close the book. As it dries, the wax paper wicks away moisture and prevents wrinkles.
- Revive your can opener—Fold a small sheet of wax paper in half, then place it between the blades of a can opener and crank the handle a few times. The wax lubricates the blades so they'll glide along the edge of a can.
- Polish metal—Keep kitchen and bathroom fixtures shiny by rubbing them with wax paper. The wax will repel water and oil so you're not left with spots or fingerprints.
- Stop a leaky faucet—Put an end to a drippy sink with this quick fix: Unscrew the aerator, wrap a thin strip of wax paper around the exposed threading, then replace the aerator. This will help full the gaps on the thread and stop water form leaking through the connection.
- Preserve paint—Float a wax paper circle directly on opened paint before you replace the lid. This prevents a thick layer of paint from forming on top, which an cause chunks (and an uneven finish) when mixed back in.



Did you know?

Wax paper is microwave safe! It allows moisture to escape so your food doesn't come out soggy.

TECH CORNER

Oddly, every 1950 Ford shown at Randy Yockey's show in August was a Crestliner. So we thought we would reprint this tech corner from 2010.

In 1949, General Motors surprised the auto industry with a new line of hardtops in its Cadillac, Buick, and Oldsmobile lines. GM expanded the offerings to Chevrolet and Pontiac in 1950. Ford was not ready to answer for at least another year, but desperately wanted to stop the sales advantage that its bitter competitor now had. So in spring of 1950, Ford Motor Company introduced some very special limited edition models in its Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln lines. Although sales were far from spectacular in their two abbreviated model years, today these cars are prized items for collectors.

Since all three lines were represented at the 2010 Western National Meet, we thought we would present some statistics for the Ford Crestliner, the Mercury Monterey, and the Lincoln Lido. (Not present was the 4th model in the series, the Lincoln Cosmopolitan Capri.) All shared similar characteristics: limited paint colors, vinyl roof, special trim including gold anodized appointments, fender skirts, full wheel covers, special interior fabrics, unique steering wheel and other unique interior trim.

Ford Crestliner

 \Rightarrow Production: 1950 - 17,601; 1951 - 8,703

 \Rightarrow Cost: 1950 - \$1,711; 1951 - \$1,595

⇒ Engine: 100 hp 239 cu in Flathead

 \Rightarrow Weight: 3,050 lbs.

Mercury Monterey

⇒ Production: Unknown

 \Rightarrow Cost: 1950 - \$2,150; 1951 - \$2,325

⇒ Engine: 110 hp 255 cu in Flathead

 \Rightarrow Weight: 3,630 lbs.

Lincoln Lido

⇒ Production: Fewer than 2,000 per year

 \Rightarrow Cost: 1950 – \$2,721; 1951 – \$2,957

⇒ Engine: 152 hp 337 cu in Flathead

⇒ Transmission: Optional GM Hydra-Matic

 \Rightarrow Weight: 4,100 lbs.



1950 Ford Crestliner - Ken Ballew, Texas



1951 Mercury Monterey - Scott Bringhurst, Utah



1951 Lincoln Lido - Gerald Hoing, California



10 Years Ago This Month - September 2014

On the weekend of September 26-28, twenty-four NIRG members and 11 Early V-8s participated in our 7th Annual Poker Rally, hosted by Ken & Carolyn Bounds. No one could remember three consecutive days of sunshine with temperatures near 80 degrees at this event. Ron Blum was the big winner.

20 Years Ago This Month – September 2004

Ken Bounds, Joe Kozmic, and Lin Stacey won 1st Place trophies at the Kane County meet September 12. At the September 21 monthly meeting, Tom O'Donnell introduced Madeleine's cousin David Lodrick who was visiting from England. David and wife Arlene joined a large group of 25 members who took part in the 27th Annual Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally, hosted by Ken & Carolyn Bounds the weekend of September 24-26.

30 Years Ago This Month – September 1994

On September 24-25, Ken Bounds hosted the tour to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally. Marty and Leah Duling made the trip from their new home in Kentucky and led the group up to their destination, the Diplomat Motel in Lake Geneva. About 14 cars left from the Duzell's house for the trip. Saturday night included cocktails and snacks at the Heintz cottage on Lake Como.

40 Years Ago This Month – September 1984

At the September 11 monthly meeting, there was discussuion of whether the group should host a National Meet in 1986. On September 23, Marty Duling hosted a tour to the Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally. A group of eight couples along with family and friends in five Early V-8s left from Randhurst Mall. Along the way and at the destination they picked up five more couples, including Joe & Nancy Novak who had arrived a day earlier. Before the events came to an end, the group went to the Heintz cottage on Lake Como, followed afterwards by dinner in Antioch.

50 Years Ago This Month – September 1974

The September newsletter contained an article by Marty Duling about how he acquired a 1935 (that's right, 1935) Cabriolet two years earlier. At the September 10 monthly meeting, held at Hewlett-Packard in Skokie, it was determined that the Club needed to establish a custodian for Club property. Marty Duling showed a slide show of the Zimmerman car collection in Harrisburg, PA, and an earlier Hershey meet.

Flathead Flashback

Ron Blum displays his winning hand and trophy at the 2014 Poker Rally.



September	October	November	December
12 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting	7 Board Meeting	No Meetings
15-20 Eastern National Meet, Clayton NY	15 Member Meeting	9 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD	
17 Member Meeting		12 Member Meeting	
27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally		-	
January	February	March	April
9 Board Meeting	13 Board Meeting	13 Board Meeting	10 Board Meeting
11 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield?	18 Member Meeting	18 Member Meeting	15 Pizza Meeting (Tentative)
21 Member Meeting			



2025 Central National Meet Springfield, Illinois

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

ARLENE BLUM (9/5), RON VLASIC (9/13), LINDA LIVINGSTON (9/14), SCOTT GILDAY (9/17), MELANIE MEDLIN (9/23), & DOUG LEICHT (9/25)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

GARY & DAWN OSBORNE (9/8), BOB & RHONDA MILLER (9/11), RON & ARLENE BLUM (9/12), RUSSELL & MELANIE MEDLIN (9/23), & DAN & DIANE PUDELEK (9/30)

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.



1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe for Sale

- Museum quality
- Third owner
- Asking \$44,000 or best offer

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





For Sale, thinning collection! 1953 Mercury Convertible, \$29,900; 1950 Ford Fire Truck, (good for parts, rusty) \$1000. Contact Randy Plant 405-826-1477 Oklahoma City, OK randy@southernwingsaircraft.com

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.**

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Wanted

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