

ROAD CHATTER

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

April 10 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

April 15 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

April 26 - Eggs & Eights Breakfast, Downers Grove. See page 2 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 13 - 38th Annual Fire up that Classic Car Show, 207 Main St., Bensenville. 9:30-2:30, entry fee \$20.

April 20 - Happy Easter!

April 25-26 - 48th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Admission \$15.

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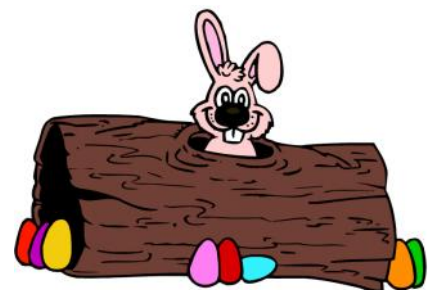
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Back Cover – The Gilday family visits Big Ben.



Attention Members

Are you finished with your taxes? Then make plans to come to the April 15 monthly meeting. We plan to give an update on the Central National Meet, then have an open session on projects you are doing with your Early V-8. Members are welcome to talk about their projects, ask questions, seek help and guidance, and more. Don't miss this!

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UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS**Eggs & Eights - Saturday, April 26**

Welcome Spring with a visit to Downers Grove for Eggs & Eights. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. Also a great opportunity for newer members to come out and meet the families.

Eggs & Eights will be held Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. at Juicy-O Pancake House, 2942 Finley Rd, Downers Grove. The restaurant is in the strip mall on the northwest corner of Finley and Butterfield Roads, near the Duluth Trading Company. If arriving on I-355, take the Butterfield Road exit and go east to the Finley Road stop light. Turn left, then the first left at a stop light into the strip mall. There is plenty of parking - consider driving your Early V-8! Maybe we can beat the three that were there last year.

If you are interested in attending and have not already signed up, please call or text Dawn Zulas at 630-362-4120.

**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

NEWSLETTER

Send submissions to Editor, 1N410 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 or e-mail editor@nirgv8.org

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2025 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET UPDATE

Website: <https://2025cnm.com>

Full registration packages and detailed information can be downloaded from the website. **Please note that the deadline for the \$70 meet registration fee has been extended to May 1.**



**2025 Central National Meet
Springfield, Illinois**

Full registrations received: 85

Early registrations received: 16

Cancellations: 8

Vehicles: 68

78 registrants have made hotel reservations at the Crowne Plaza. There are still plenty of rooms available.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

We broke tradition this month. Normally, the President's message is on page 2. But this month we received a very interesting message with photos from Scott and Nicole about their family trip to England. To give the story adequate space, we moved the message to pages 4 and 5. We thank Scott and Nicole for the story. It brought back memories for us from about 10 years ago when we visited England for Carolyn's sister Micki's wedding. We stayed in a cottage in the Cotswolds and also visited Stratford-upon-Avon where Carolyn enjoyed an "afternoon tea."



Spring has been trying hard to take hold in our area. We have had some very warm days near 80 but also some cold ones. After some good rains recently washed all the salt off the roads, I was able to start taking the cars out for some fun in the sun. The Mercury was first; what a pleasure it is to drive. Next came the Crestliner, but something may be amiss with the transmission. We plan to take all three cars to the National Meet in June, so I hope to get this sorted out soon.

The Convertible received a Dearborn award last summer, so I'm excited to have it judged for the second time in Springfield. Not a lot needs to be done, but I do need to replace the heater core, so that should be fun job.

Speaking of the National Meet, we are working every day on processing registrations and making arrangements for various activities. Registrations are coming in nicely and we have met almost 60% of our room night commitment at the Crowne Plaza. We strongly encourage everyone to get their full registration forms in and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Ordering deadlines are upon us; we need to get all t-shirts ordered within the next week or so. One bit of news. You may have heard that the Great American Race will be overnighing in Springfield on the day of our welcome party. We are working with the V-8 Foundation to display their racecars at the hotel and possibly meet with the drivers at the welcome party. This should be fun.

Our next big order of business is to start creating assignments for various functions at the meet. The major ones are Registration, Raffle Room, Merchandise Sales, and Operational Check. We hope to have enough volunteers so that schedules can be staggered. We will also be looking for tour leaders, bus monitors, ticket takers, trailer parking assistors, swap meet setup, greeters/water wagon drivers, etc. We ask that all NIRG members start thinking about areas where you are willing to help. We will be sending all of you a more formal description of jobs soon.

Finally, it is April Fools Day. Over the last few months I thought of several ideas for a good April Fools joke. The joke is on me - I forgot them all. Maybe next year.

Ken & Carolyn

Hidden Treasures National Driving Tour ■ August 5 - 9

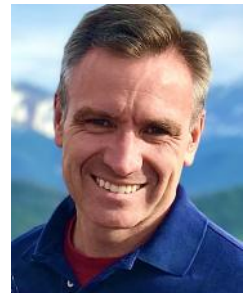
Good friend Bruce Nelson is coordinating this tour, starting in Rochester, Minnesota and including Clear Lake, Iowa, Okoboji, Iowa, Worthington, Minnesota, Walnut Grove, Minnesota and ending up in New Ulm, Minnesota. Most driving days will be around 150 miles.

For full information and a registration form, visit www.earlyfordv8.org and click on Upcoming Events. A few of our members are planning to participate.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to April. While the weather has been up and down the past few weeks, I hope the warmer spring-like temps are here to stay so we can finally dust our V-8's off and get them out on the road.

I'd like to thank Este and John Scheve for hosting our annual Pizza Meeting on March 18th. This year we went to Pal Joey's in Batavia where he had a good turnout, great pizza, and a great time.



Looking ahead to this month, in addition to our regular member meeting on the 15th, we will have our Eggs & Eights breakfast on April 26th at Juicy O's in Downers Grove. I hope to see you there.

For spring break, my family and I snuck across the pond to England. We spent the first half of our trip in the English countryside, visiting the British Motor Museum, which to our surprise, included a large Ford display, featuring a Ford Model Y. We also toured the Land Rover and Mini Cooper factories, where we walked the plant floors and watched the robots and staff assemble the vehicles as they made their way along the assembly line. Our only regret was they didn't allow us to take pictures given what an incredible experience it was. We spent the last half of our trip in London, visiting the sites. One of our favorite stops was the Churchill War Rooms, which let you explore the secret underground headquarters of the British government command



Churchill War Rooms in London



Scott at the Ford Display at the British Motor Museum



Ford Zodiac & Mercury Capri at the British Motor Museum



A 1933 Ford Model Y at the British Motor Museum

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - CONTINUED

center during World War II, which was preserved exactly the way it was left at the end of the war. While near Buckingham Palace to watch the changing of the guard, we just missed seeing King Charles's motorcade. And as luck would have it, I got interviewed by Sky News (a British sister division of NBC news) about my opinion on whether the Royal Family should continue to be more forthcoming with the public about their health issues. I've included some photos with some highlights from our British adventures. Enjoy!



Authentic cask ales and cider in London



Scott & Nicole enjoying some wine in William Shakespeare's hometown: Stratford-upon-Avon



Ciena & Reese at the Broadway Tower in the Cotswolds



Ciena at the Minster Lovell Hall ruins in Witney

MARCH 18 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Este Scheve

Our annual pizza meeting was held at a new restaurant, Pal Joey's in Batavia. Our group has never been there before and the price was right, so we tried it. The location is on the Fox River and their back patio is open during the warmer weather which looked like a great place to be. Inside, the building is an old pumping station for the city and the walls were rocks with exposed beams which gave the place an interesting look.

We had a private room off the entrance area and served delicious pan pizza with different toppings for everyone to enjoy. Pop was included and servers made sure we had what we needed. Also, the cash bar was conveniently close.

Those members and friends that attended were Ron and Arlene Blum and their friend Audrey, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Scott and Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge and guest Frank Madrigali, Frank Koeder, Pat and Dee Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Ron and Diane Pudelek, John and Este Scheve, Ron Steck, and George and Dawn Zulas.



The room was very narrow, so taking pictures was difficult. Above are various members enjoying the pizza while President Scott and daughter Ciena took a break for the camera.

V-8 Gals

Did you know that April is Stress Awareness Month? April 16th is Stress Awareness Day. Stress Awareness Day is intentionally set for the day after taxes are due. Yeah...no stress there. I have days where it feels like my stress levels have to be off the charts. Stress and its side effects are a major problem in the U.S.

The following is taken from the article "National Stress Awareness Month, By the Numbers" found at www.fastcompany.com.

- ✦ STRESS BALLS, RELAXATION TAPES, and other stress-fighting products and services account for \$14 BILLION of spending in the U.S. EACH YEAR.
- ✦ A Wake Forest University study of 42 FEMALE MONKEYS found those suffering from social stress held more ABDOMINAL FAT, a precursor of heart disease.
- ✦ Globally, more than three out of five doctor visits are STRESS RELATED. In the U.S. alone, more than \$22.8 BILLION is spent on anxiety-related health care each year.
- ✦ 62% of American are stressed about WORK, according to the American Psychological Association. Eating 1.4 ounces of DARK CHOCOLATE EVERY DAY for two weeks was shown to reduce stress.
(Granted, the 30-person study was done by researchers at Nestlé.)
- ✦ According to a psychological survey done in 1938 and again in 2007, anxiety and mental-health issues are 5 TIMES more common now among high-school and college students than they were toward the end of the GREAT DEPRESSION.
- 💣 TWO-THIRDS of spoken curse words are a result of stress. Swearing accounts for 80 of the 15,000 words typically spoken per person per day.

Housework Humor

One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt.

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "University of Oklahoma."

And they say blondes are dumb...



"You can't bring that. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but nature abhors the sound of a vacuum."



10 Years Ago This Month – April 2015

On April 21, forty-eight members and guests enjoyed the annual pizza meeting at Lou Malnati's in Buffalo Grove hosted by Ron and Arlene Blum. Twenty-one members had a fun time at the Egg's & Eights Breakfast April 26 at Egg Harbor Café in Geneva, hosted by John & Robin Emmering. Seven Early V-8's were present, including Ron Steck's newly restored '40 Pickup.

20 Years Ago This Month – April 2005

The April Road Chatter included two “flashbacks” – an article by Ron Dopke about his '40 Tudor that he had included in the May 1974 newsletter and a hand-written list of members who signed up to attend the first Grand National Meet in Dearborn in 1973. On April 19, Bob & Angie Paladino hosted 48 members, family, and guests at the annual Pizza Meeting at John's Pizzeria.

30 Years Ago This Month – April 1995

Bob & Angie Paladino hosted the annual Pizza Meeting April 18 at John's Pizzeria in Addison. Fifty-six members, family, and guests were in attendance, including Marty and Leah Duling, all the way from the Bluegrass State of Kentucky.

40 Years Ago This Month – April 1985

On April 9, Barry & Eleanor Jacksier hosted 56 members and guests at the annual Pizza Meeting at Lou Malnati's in Lincolnwood. The 3rd Annual Swap Meet on April 14 netted the Club \$1,600! On a “beautiful, sunny, gorgeous” April 28, Rich & Judy Doligale hosted a “Spring Fling to Volo and Beyond.” Over 50 members and family visited the Volo Museum, stopped by the Dopke residence, and dined at the Warsaw Inn in McHenry.

50 Years Ago This Month – April 1975

On April 20 Larry Maas hosted a huge group of V-8ers on a garage tour that visited Tom Young's, Chester Lawrence's, Ray Tognarelli's, and Larry's garages. The tour ended with a huge spread of food put out by Larry & Nancy Maas.

Flathead Flashback

Enjoying a beautiful spring day at the 2015 Eggs & Eights breakfast.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>January 9 Board Meeting 11 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>February 8 Valentine's Luncheon, Barrington 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>March 13 Board Meeting 18 Pizza Meeting, Pal Joey's, Batavia</p>	<p>April 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Eggs & Eights breakfast, Juicy O's, Downers Grove</p>
<p>May 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 31 Gilday Garage Tour, Barrington</p>	<p>June 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 22-26 Central National Meet - Springfield</p>	<p>July 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting</p>	<p>August 10 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23 Friendly Ford Show, Schaumburg</p>
<p>September 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 8 Veterans Luncheon 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>

Happy Easter and Passover

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 DEE MARONEY (4/2), TOM BRECHEISEN (4/7), JUDY MYERS (4/7),
 RON VAUGHAN (4/23), XIAOYIN BRECHEISEN (4/25),
 ROBIN EMMERING (4/28), & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20),
 KIM & BENNY TAYLOR (4/25), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25),
 TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28), MARSHAL & SUE ADAMS (4/29),
 JORDON & JUDY BELLER (4/30), & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)**



**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 \$36,000 or best offer

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

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 Seritella, **\$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.

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



1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan

- Starts, Stops, Runs
 - This is a Preservation not a Restoration
- Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925 to discuss price.**

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

Wanted

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



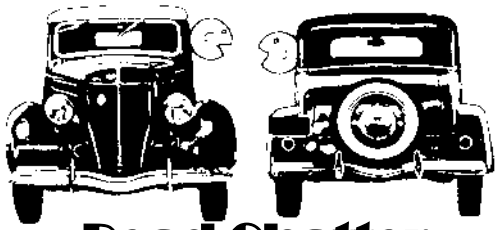
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**Photo of the Month
Reese, Nicole, Ciena, and Scott
at Big Ben in London**