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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

August 10 Annual Picnic,
Timmermann's, Island Lake -
see page 3 for details

August 14 Board of Directors
Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

August 19 Monthly Meeting,
Wheeling Township Service
Center, 7:30 pm.

August 23 Friendly Ford Car
Show, Schaumburg. See
page 13 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

August 3 34th Annual Vin-
tage Transportation Extrava-
ganza, Union.

August 23 Cheaterama tradi-
tional hot rod and kustom car
show - noon to 5. South Mil-
waukee, \$10.

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Back Cover – Eric Kozmic receiving the Dearborn Award, ten years after his "Pops" received it.



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.

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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 would like to start by welcoming new members Bob and Patty Murphy, from Minooka, Illinois to the club.

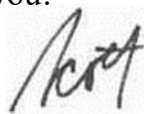
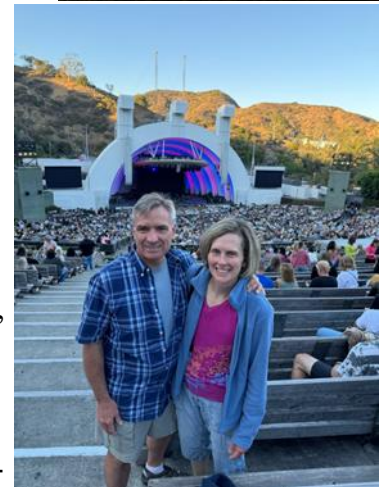
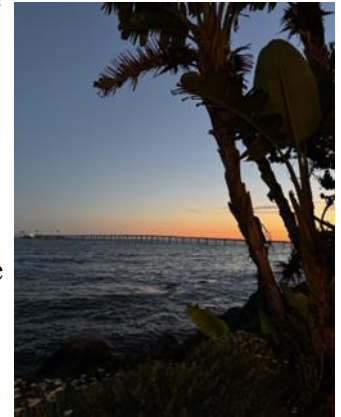
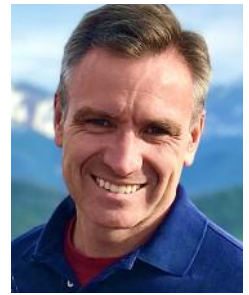
July started with our Monthly Meeting where the nice weather allowed us to kick the tires of some of our members' V-8s, and Ken Bounds did a wonderful presentation looking back on June's Central National Meet. Later in the month, Gary Osborne hosted another Duals Night at the Culvers in St. Charles (which I unfortunately missed due to travel).

This month, in addition to our Member Meeting on August 19th, please don't miss our annual picnic at Timmerman's Ranch in Island Lake on August 10th; also please join us at the Friendly Ford Car Show in the Boomer's Baseball Team parking lot in Schaumburg on August 23rd.

Our family took a little break last month and headed to Southern and Central California where we participated in a National Woodie Club meet, spent time with some friends, and even caught a cool 80's concert with Rick Springfield, Wang Chung, John Waite and Paul Young. During the meet, we got the chance to admire roughly 150 woodies along the Santa Barbara coast, many of which were early Ford V-8s.

Here are some pictures from our trip, including a view from a hotel we stayed at in Mussel Shoals, Nicole and me at the Hollywood Bowl, all of us on Malibu Beach, Reese enjoying the beach and on the next page, Ciena inspecting a 46 Ford at the Woodie Meet, our friend's original 48 Mercury.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS**Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday, August 10 - 10:00 am**

*Celebrating our
58th Anniversary!*



Timmerman's Ranch & Saddle Shop

29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake

Food - Drinks - 50-50 Raffle - Fun

The club provides: Tent, tables, chairs, ice water an anniversary cake, and a great place to park your Early V-8.

You provide: **Your food and beverages**, your Early V-8 (other cars welcome) and your lawn chairs. You are welcome to contribute snacks, a pass-around dish, and desserts.

Raffle: There will be a chance to take home some \$\$\$ in the 50-50 Raffle.

Driving directions: Timmermann's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmermann's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8s and friends. You don't want to miss it! Guests are welcome!

(Note: we would appreciate a few early arrivals to help set up the tent, tables, and chairs.)



Scott's
photos from
the National
Woodie
Meet in
Santa
Barbara.



Our First National Meet & A Tribute to Pops
2025 Central National Meet - Early Ford V-8 Club
A V-8 Family Reunion ▪ Springfield, Illinois ▪ June 21-27, 2025
By Eric Kozmic

For me, 2024 happened to be one of those times that as the years go by, I'll cherish more and more. Going back to 2024, my wife Cheryl and I were able to spend the entire month of May in the Chicagoland area to help take care of things for my Dad (Joe Kozmic). His health had been slowly deteriorating over the last several years and the loss of his wife Nell Kozmic in February 2023 didn't help matters. Nell was like a 2nd Mother to my brother and me. We were luckier than we realized back then.

Both Pops and Nell made it to many National meets over the years. I would hear about the trips during my many visits to Lombard, Illinois. The stories were numerous, the tales humorous, and the wisdom imparted irreplaceable.

I visited as often as I could over the years, but May 2024 and our daily visits with Pops turned out to be the shining star for Cheryl and me. I knew at some point this could be the last one—the last visit, the last car trip, and so on. That's why I so cherished the many trips we could take together over the years in his 1953 Mercury Monterey. It was our time to catch up on life, talk about work, family, and of course have a couple of beers. I didn't know it then, but our trip to South Bend, Indiana in 2017 would be our last car trip in the Merc together. We had a blast and enjoyed hanging with the group. The fact it was to my favorite college and football team was secondary.

During May 2024, there were rumors about a possible Central National Meet. I told Pops it would be great if we could go to another meet and encouraged him to work with the physical therapists and staff specialists to get his strength up enough to where we could safely make the drive. He certainly seemed up for the trip and you could tell his spirits were



Eric and "Pops" - 2015 Spring Fling, Council Bluffs, Iowa



Nell & Joe Kozmic - 2009 Eastern Meet - Windsor, CT



Prepping for South Bend, Indiana

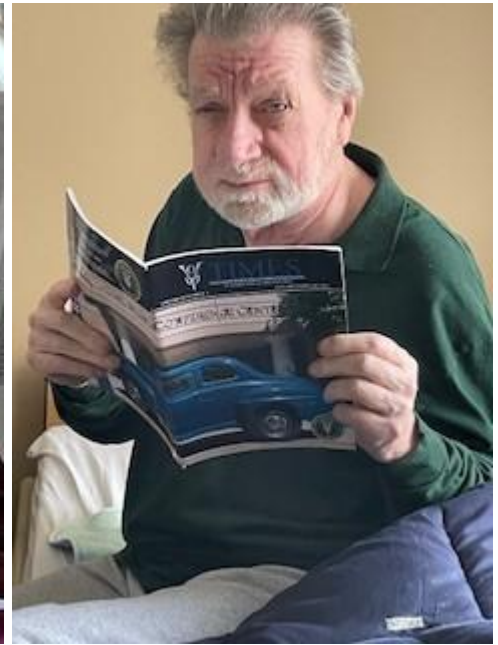
boosted by the possibility of another meet. He loved going to these meets and would gladly talk with anyone about past meets, the cities involved and the people he met along the way.

Between our visits in May 2024, I requested the assistance of Ken Bounds to help me with getting the cars back up and running. The cars were parked for about five years with full gas tanks from the last time Ken and I took them for a drive in 2019. Lo and behold, fresh batteries and some starting fluid and they rumbled to life! Everyone was excited and we quickly relayed the news to Pops who simply said, "I knew they would, you can drive them anywhere." With fresh oil changes, new spark plugs, and some thorough car washes, the cars had never looked better.

Leaving Chicagoland at the end of May was a difficult thing to do. There's just something about a gut feeling and it turned out to be correct as we lost Pops on July 22, 2024. I was grateful to have been up there with him for his last few days. I wouldn't trade that time for anything.

Fast forward to October 2024, and we had a beautiful dinner at Barone's of Glen Ellyn and a memorial service with Military Honors at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery—exactly what Pops wanted. The help and support of Ken, Carolyn, and the members of the NIRGV-8 group will not be forgotten. It was great to see them all again at Pops' dinner and memorial service.

After making the necessary transportation arrangements in late October, Ken Bounds was instrumental in getting the fleet loaded up on the hauler for the trip to their new home in South Carolina.



One last beer



Memorial dinner at Barone's

Between July and October 2024, the plans were finalized and officially announced: the 2025 Central National Meet would be held in Springfield, Illinois. It was then I knew I had to find a way to go. Not only for me—as it would be my first National Meet—but for Pops, who would be traveling with me and my wife in spirit. I registered us for the meet in January 2025 and was committed to attending.

As anyone knows when attending a meet, you have to make sure your car is in good running order. I talked with several members of the Early Ford V-8 Group (Upstate #163) and they assisted me with a few items and gave me ideas on others.

First on the list was a long overdue tire change in January 2025. She rode like a dream, and I managed to drive the '53 Merc for the first several months of 2025. As March and April came around, I heard a sound I hadn't heard before, and it was getting louder as the drive went on. Fortunately, there's a great garage that works on classics in the Upstate of South Carolina. They quickly determined my rear wheel bearings were in terrible shape. I told them of my planned trip to Springfield in June, and we developed a plan to get the Merc road-ready. All the fluids were replaced (transmission, differential, coolant), brake fluid flushed, front bearings inspected (and re-packed), and rear wheel bearings completely replaced. I even managed to show them a lubrication diagram of the car to ensure all the "jerk fittings" were properly greased.

Knowing June was rapidly approaching, I stayed in touch with the garage for updates. Upon picking up the car in mid May, she felt brand new as I was taking the car for a test drive. I couldn't believe how great the car drove and more importantly, sounded. The trip was still ON!

Cheryl and I ended up leaving the Upstate of South Carolina on June 19, 2025. We didn't check on the roads that morning, but apparently I-40 through the mountains of NC/TN had just experienced a mudslide earlier in the week. As a result, there was a detour through the mountains that would add about 1–2 hours onto the trip to our planned overnight stop in Louisville, Kentucky, where we had arranged to participate in some distillery tours.

The car performed beautifully. She handled the mountain roads and detours quite well. The only bad weather we encountered on the way to Springfield was rain on Day 1. Louisville is a great city with plenty to see and do. On Saturday morning, we departed Louisville for Springfield, planning to arrive around lunchtime to begin assisting members of the NIRGV-8 group with meeting prep and setup. It was great to see the NIRGV-8 group I've



On the way to Springfield



Just before registration opens

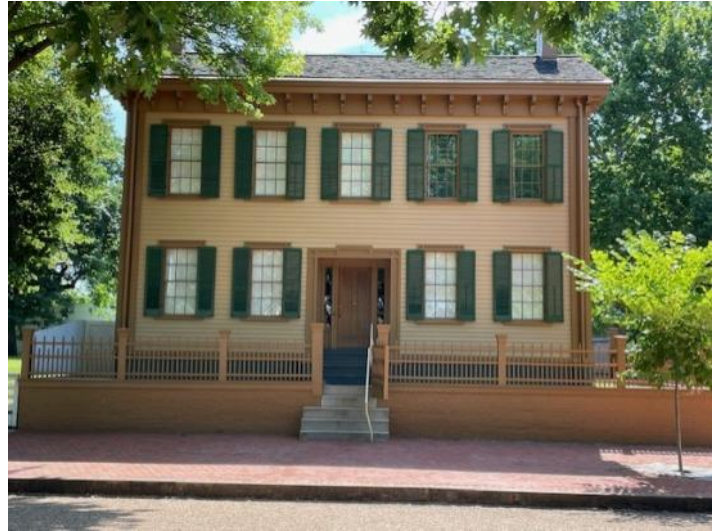
met many times and get in on the early action of the meet before the fun really started and folks started arriving with their cars and trailers.

Between the tireless work of Ken and Carolyn Bounds and several members of the NIRGV-8 chapter, they really outdid themselves with the activities and events planned. Being this was our first meet, I signed up for several events including the Lincoln Presidential Museum and Tour, touring the only home President Lincoln owned, guided tour of the Dana Thomas House (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright) and a driving tour on the world famous Route 66. Cheryl even raved about meeting “President Lincoln” during the Ladies Luncheon arranged by Este Scheve.

I especially enjoyed meeting and speaking with several folks who remembered meeting my Dad during previous National Meets. The meets he attended resulted in him traveling over 25,000 miles and multiple cities over many years in either his 1937 Ford Coupe or the 1953 Mercury Monterey. Everyone had stories about Pops, and I must say it was humbling to hear each and every one of them. For those of you who came up to Cheryl and me, I want to personally say "Thank You." You don't know how special it was to hear a story about Pops or the car he drove to the meet back in the day. He certainly was a character and definitely one of a kind.

Based on recent news reports, there was a Heat Dome predicted for the entire Midwest during the same week of the meet. For once, the meteorologists were correct! It was quite hot with temps in the mid / upper 90's most of the week with the “feels like” temperature closer to triple digits.

After mandatory Operations Checks (a thorough safety inspection led by Jim Brown), Judging Day was Wednesday, June 25, and the stage was set for all the cars on the concourse to be judged. Staying hydrated was the goal of the day, and you could tell the judges, along with everyone else on the



Lincoln's Home from 1844 - 1861



Lincoln Presidential Library



Cheryl and Abe

concourse, were HOT. A special thanks to the members who constantly drove around in golf carts either ferrying folks or handing out water to attendees.

Our Awards Banquet was held on Thursday evening and the suspense was building for all the members whose cars were judged. Just like back in school, everyone was asking "how do you think you did?" We wouldn't know until after our wonderful Awards Dinner was emceed by our National Chief Judge, Ken Bounds.

It seems like the suspense was building with every minute of the dinner. I could hear conversations not only at our table, but in speaking with others before dinner at the cocktail reception as well as during the dinner. I was hopeful all of our preparations were going to be worth it. Between tying up last minute items to try and minimize any possible deductions, sometimes you just never know until the very end.

There were so many beautiful cars at this event to be judged and points tabulated. Once Ken got to the Mercury section, it seemed like time stood still. I bowed my head and asked for some help from Pops. Once Ken started talking and mentioned how special it was to present a Dearborn Award to the son of the Best Man at his wedding, I realized the hard work paid off. I was truly humbled and proud at the same time to go up and accept the Dearborn Plaque from our National President, Dave Gunnarson. I know Pops would've been proud as well. He was with us that trip—no doubt in my mind. As I walked up to the front to accept the award, I heard Pops say, "You did good, Son."

Cheryl and I were quite excited to receive the Dearborn award. (PS - It's already on proud display in our basement on our Automotive Wall of Fame.) Come Friday AM, it was an early departure for Bardstown, KY. We wanted to get the day's driving in before the temps went back to the upper 90's. It's a well known fact that flatheads and high temps don't get along! I can't say enough about Bardstown, Kentucky. Such a quaint little town that's known as the Bourbon Capital of the World. If you're a fan of bourbon, I highly recommend making the trip.



Route 66 Driving Tour



The coveted Dearborn Award

After 2 nights in Bardstown, it was time for the final leg of our journey back to South Carolina. A quick check of the internet told us I-40 was reopened with 1 lane in either direction. That alone avoided another 1-2 hour detour via the backroads through the mountains.

We arrived home early afternoon Sunday, June 29 and were both happy and relieved the car performed so well. After travelling 1,821 miles and averaging ~17 mpg, over a 10 day journey in the heat of the summer, Cheryl and I were ready for some cold beverages and air conditioning that was cooler than the "55 mile/hour AC" we had for the duration of the trip.

In closing, I would especially like to thank Ken and Carolyn Bounds for their continued friendship, the late night calls and constant questions about how and what to do next on the Merc to get her ready. My Dad sure knew how to pick good cars and even better friends. I would also be remiss if I didn't give a special mention to the many members of the NIRGV-8 who lent a helping hand to make the 2025 Central National Meet a huge success.



Bardstown Bourbon Company - Tasting



Lincoln's Tomb

We're anxiously awaiting to see where the next meet is. You never know, you might see us again travelling down the road in the 53 Merc!

Thanks again for a great Central National Meet !

Regards, *Eric & Cheryl Kozmic*
Simpsonville, South Carolina



Historic Route 66 Brick Road - laid by hand in 1931

Duals Night at Culver's St. Charles - July 26, 2025 By Gary Osborne

Saturday morning looked pretty bad. My weather radar app showed a 100% chance of thunderstorms for the planned Duals Night at Culver's that evening. I figured it was going to be a very low turnout of people and no old Fords.

Well, I was wrong on all counts. Around 3 o'clock the clouds began to break, and my app showed no rain until around 11 PM. There were four old Fords that showed up: Gary and Dawn Osborne's 1932 Cabriolet, Ken and Carolyn Bounds' 1950 Deluxe Convertible, Rusty and Melanie Medlin's 1949 Mercury Sedan, and Andy and Tracy Zasadny's 1936 3 Window Coupe. Those who brought modern cars were: Ron and Arlene Blum, with their friend Audrey, Tom and Judy Buscaglia, John and Este Scheve, Ron and Colleen Steck, and Austin Zasadny.

We all had a wonderful time gathering outside under the trees in our lawn chairs chatting about automotive stuff, and life in general. After awhile we went inside for some good food and took advantage of the free scoops of frozen custard that the Culver's Management offered us. After another short time outside in enjoyable conversation, by 8:15 most everyone had left. So, it goes to show you that you never know how the weather is going to turn out sometimes. Gloomy for awhile with sunshine right around the corner!



Everyone enjoyed a beautiful evening - not a hint of rain!



Early V-8s - 1936 Ford 3 Window Coupe, 1949 Mercury Sedan, 1950 Ford Convertible, 1932 Ford Cabriolet



V-8 Gals

It's August! That means it is cocktail month for the V-8 Gals. Since we have the great article in this issue from Eric Kozmic and since daughter Erica missed the Central Meet while vacationing in Florida, we decided it would be up to her to provide the cocktail selections this month. She sent us two while she was hanging out with Eric and Cheryl at Hilton Head.

Bermuda Triangle

The name of this cocktail is inspired by the infamous Bermuda Triangle, a region in the North Atlantic Ocean where strange disappearances have occurred. Just like the mysterious phenomenon, this cocktail will have you feeling like you're lost in a world of deliciousness. The spiced rum brings a warm and rich depth to the drink, making it the perfect choice for a hot summer day.

- ⇒ 1 shot Captain Morgan spiced rum
- ⇒ 1 shot Peach Schnapps
- ⇒ 3 oz orange juice
- ⇒ Splash of grenadine

Pour all ingredients over ice in a lowball glass, stir and serve, Wedge of lime optional.



Back Nine Cocktail

OK, Erica threw us a curve on this one. There are several variations of this cocktail, but none like this one served at the Quarterdeck at the Lighthouse Inn on Hilton Head Island. Erica didn't send us the proportions, so we suggest you experiment. It sure looks tasty.

- ⇒ Bulrush Gin
- ⇒ Blueberry syrup
- ⇒ Club soda
- ⇒ Key West lime juice
- ⇒ Giffard ginger

Bulrush Gin is made on Hilton Head and is available in limited areas, so you may need to substitute. Giffard ginger is available at Total Wine.



JULY 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Ken Bounds

Our Secretary Gary Osborne was traveling, so Ken recorded the minutes. With the weather being very nice, we took a little extra time kicking tires. Ken's 1950 Convertible and Rusty Medlin's 1949 Mercury were in the parking lot.

Scott Gilday kicked off the meeting about 7:40 by introducing guest Steve Sarasin from Park Ridge. Steve told us that he was active in the Model A clubs and wanted to check out what we are all about. Steve said that he is a national V-8 Club member and that he owns a 1935 Ford Phaeton and a 1936 Ford Convertible Sedan. We hope to see Steve again.



Membership Report - Ken reported that we are now at 54 members with the addition of new members Bob and Patti Murphy from Minooka. They attended the 2025 CNM and decided to join us.

National News - Ken said there was not much to report; although no new national meets have been scheduled, National President Dave Gunnarson is committed to getting meets on the calendar for 2026 and 2027.

Treasurer's Report - Ron Blum listed our income and expenses for the month and declared the club to be solvent.

Health and Welfare - Don Zulas gave an update on Ron Dopke. Scott said that Tom O'Donnell had planned to come to the meeting but was not feeling well.

Other Business - Scott advised that our meeting room is not available for our scheduled November meeting; it has been rescheduled to the 2nd Tuesday of the month, November 11.

Upcoming Club Events -

- July 26 - Duals Night, Culver's - St. Charles
- July 31 - Westmont Cruise Night - Ford Night
- August 10 - Annual Picnic, Timmermann's Ranch - Island Lake. Members bring their own food and a pass-around dish, Ron Blum is bringing his big cooler and the club will supply water; Este is bringing the club birthday cake.
- August 23 - Randy Yockey's Customer Appreciation Car Show, Boomers Field - Schaumburg.

Presentation - We took a short break and enjoyed some delicious cookies baked by Carolyn Bounds. Ken then gave a presentation wrapping up the very successful Central National Meet. The hot weather caused several cancellations. The final tally after cancellations was 109 registrations, 203 people, 80 vehicles on the concourse, 57 judges, and 39 trailers. After paying back the \$5,000 seed money from the national club and all remaining bills, the meet made a decent profit. This was largely due to the team's efforts in taking in about \$6,000 in merchandise and raffle sales. Ken added that we still have limited quantities of merchandise available for purchase.

Ken presented appreciation plaques to several of the team leaders plus special thanks to the members who arrived early on Saturday and helped with setup. Ken advised that he and Carolyn have received thank you notes from all over the country. He read the group a letter sent by Frank Weiler of California.

JULY 15 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**Submitted by Ken Bounds**

The last order of business was the 50-50 raffle. Lucky Rusty Medlin went home with \$19 cash. Don't tell Melanie.

Attendance - Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Rusty Medlin, John and Este Scheve, Sam Van Bruggen, George and Dawn Zulas, and guest Steve Sarasin.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

What a packed issue we have this month. We are so grateful to Eric Kozmic for sharing his tribute to his dad that just happened to include a great story about his and Cheryl's first national meet. We hope they really enjoyed the meet and we appreciate all their help as NIRG volunteers. Congratulations to Eric for winning the Dearborn Award for his 1953 Mercury. It was a thrill 15 years ago when Joe first won a Dearborn for the car and even more satisfying to watch Eric bring the same car back up to Dearborn standards after several years of neglect.



It was super nice to see the Mercury make it over 1,800 trouble-free miles from South Carolina and back in spite of the oppressive heat. Joe would be proud. Just guessing, but next time Cheryl may need air conditioning.

Most of you know that Joe was best man at our wedding and we really miss him. Eric did a terrific job with the article and we are so happy that he has been able to keep Joe's classic cars on the road.

Thank you to Gary Osborne for arranging Duals Night and for sending us the article and photos. Gary has sent us another article that we just didn't have the room to include in this month's Road Chatter - we hope to bring it to you next month.

We are still thinking about all the effort that NIRG members put into supporting the 2025 CNM. It is a great credit to this club that so many contributed to a very successful meet. If you were at the July meeting (or read the minutes) you will know that we actually made a small profit on the meet in spite of high costs. The meet has been over for a month and Ken is putting finishing touches on the article for the V-8 Times - watch for it in an upcoming issue.

*Ken & Carolyn***Welcome New Members**

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Bob and Patti Murphy of Minooka. They have been members of the National Club for a couple of years and drove their 1952 Ford Mainline Tudor Sedan to the 2025 CNM in Springfield. They also own two Model A Fords, a 1930 Tudor and a 1931 Coupe. We hope to see Bob and Patti at upcoming Club meetings and events.





10 Years Ago This Month – August 2015

Twenty members with three Early V-8s traveled to Dayton, Ohio, for the 5th Great Lakes Rendezvous with 34 friends from the Northern Ohio group the weekend of July 30 - August 2. On August 23, eight members displayed their Early V-8s at Joe Dispensa's LaSalle Street Auto Row show in Aurora. On August 30 about 30 members and family and six Early V-8s enjoyed the annual picnic held at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake.

20 Years Ago This Month – August 2005

On August 7 Don & Elaine Braun hosted the Annual Picnic at their home in Prairie View. Attendance was down a bit, but the three auctions took in a healthy \$691. At the August 16 monthly meeting Ron Blum presented a slide show of photos he had taken at the inaugural Motorfest. Tom O'Donnell and Ron Dopke spent a few minutes encouraging members to join the Early Ford V-8 Foundation, which then had 500 members.

30 Years Ago This Month – August 1995

Twelve members showed their Early V-8s at the annual Mt. Prospect Historical Society show on August 13, hosted by Alan Wall. Tom O'Donnell won best in class for his '40 Mercury. At the August 15 monthly meeting, Don Roels hosted a question and answer session to help members with their cars. On August 20, Ralph & April Morey hosted the Annual Picnic in a park along the Fox River in Cary.

40 Years Ago This Month – August 1985

The August Road Chatter contained a status report on the 1986 Central National Meet. Meet Chairman Barry Jacksier reported that 6,000 tickets had been sold for the raffle car toward the goal of 15,000. The Club was shocked when Barry suddenly passed away on August 15. Marty Duling stepped up as Meet Chariman. On a beautiful August 25, Don & Elaine Braun hosted the annual club picnic at their home. Nearly 50 members, family, and friends had a great time.

50 Years Ago This Month – August 1975

The monthly meeting scheduled for August 12 was not held because of the large number of members attending the Central National Meet in Peoria the 7th through 10th. Four members brought home trophies. Marty Duling held a short business meeting at the annual picnic at the Groots in St. Charles on August 24.

Flathead Flashback

"Yellow Shirt Day" ten years ago at the 5th Annual Great Lakes Rendezvous in Dayton.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

May 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 31 Gilday Garage Tour, Barrington	June 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 22-26 Central National Meet - Springfield	July 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Duals Night, Culver's, St. Charles	August 10 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23 Friendly Ford Show, Schaumburg
September 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	November 8 Veterans Luncheon 11 Member Meeting Note Special Date 13 Board Meeting	December No Meetings



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
KIM TAYLOR (8/2), JOHN SCHEVE (8/7),
ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ROGER OBECHNY (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.**



1940 Ford Deluxe Tudor Sedan

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

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

Three 16" 1945 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.

Pressure pot for sandblaster, no holes. **Contact George Zulas at 630-362-4120.**

Wanted

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

MORE UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Registration: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Trophies: 1:00 pm

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

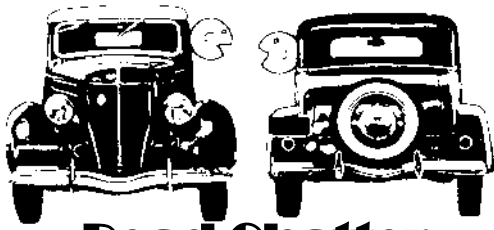
This show is always packed with all manner of classic cars and is completely free of charge. Food will be available from Dairy Queen and Doctor Dogs of Roselle.

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.



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1953 Mercury Monterey Coupe**