

ROAD CHATTER

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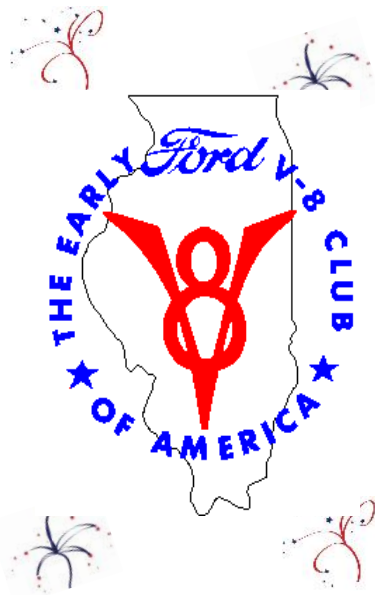
UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

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

July 23 Happy Anniversary to Northern Illinois RG #8. Fifty-eight years and counting!

July 26 Duals Night, Culver's, St. Charles. See page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July 4 Happy Birthday to the USA!

July 10 - 12 53rd Annual Iola Car Show and Swap, Iola, WI. \$20 per day, or \$30 for all 3.

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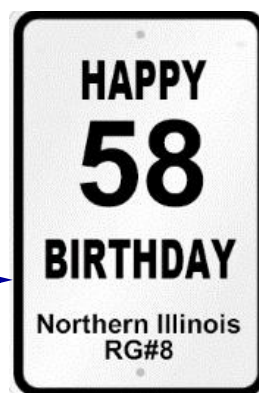
Page 9 – Remember to review the Events Calendar each month; also, see who has a birthday or anniversary this month.

Page 9 – A few words from your editors.

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Back Cover – Our group at the end of the 2025 CNM Awards Banquet.

Someone’s having a birthday →



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. We plan to give a full report on the 2025 Central National Meet.

2025 OFFICERS**President**

Scott Gilday

Vice President

Jay Hinshaw

Secretary

Gary Osborne

Treasurer

Ron Blum

Membership Chairman

Ken Bounds

Health & Welfare

Dawn Zulas

Newsletter

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

Tour Chairman

Open

Board of Directors

Ken Bounds

Ciena Gilday

Mike Heatherly

Rusty Medlin

Este Scheve

George Zulas

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 hope you had a great June, and I wish you all a very happy Fourth of July.

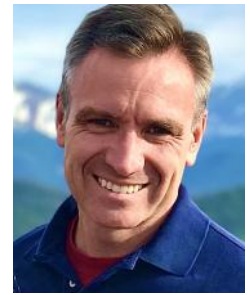
We had a fantastic Central National Meet in Springfield. My thanks go out to the many members of the Northern Illinois Regional Group who helped us run this event to make it a tremendous success.

And, of course, none of this could have happened without the tremendous effort by Ken and Carolyn Bounds to plan and lead the event. Thank you!

This month please join us for our monthly membership meeting on

July 15th, and also for our Duals Night at Culver's in St. Charles on July 21st.

I'll wrap up with a few pictures of the fun we had enjoying the meet, here and on page 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS**Duals Night at Culvers**

Bring your car, bring your appetite, and bring your friends to a Duals Night on Saturday, July 26. This time, it is at Culver's in St. Charles on North Ave, across from what used to be Pheasant Run. The actual address is 4068 E Main St (North Ave), St Charles. The time is 5 pm to whenever we leave. Come for dinner, come for desert, or just to visit. Bring a lawn chair and prepare to enjoy the evening. Modern iron is always welcome!

MORE OF SCOTT'S PHOTOS FROM THE CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET



2025 Central National Meet • “A V-8 Family Reunion” By Ken Bounds

We did it! Just over one year ago, there were no National Meets scheduled. Somehow, the Northern Illinois Regional Group got the fever at the 2024 CNM in Auburn and came home and put a meet together within a week. June 21-26 was the payoff of a year of intensive planning. We will write a comprehensive report on the meet for the V-8 Times, but this article concentrates on the effort of our group, plus a couple of key people from other groups.

When Carolyn almost immediately came up with the slogan “A V-8 Family Reunion,” it could not have been more appropriate. Our immediate V-8 Family, the NIRG, went all out to move from concept to reality.

Within one week of leaving Auburn, we had put together a proposal, had a site visit to Springfield, selected meet dates, and received a draft contract from the Crowne Plaza. Eleven days after the Auburn Meet, we submitted our official bid and the hotel contract to the National Club for review. Within 30 days after Auburn we had opened a meet bank account, opened a credit card processing account, purchased the domain name 2025CNM.com, and the Crowne Plaza began taking room reservations. Thirty-nine days after we left Auburn, we sent out early bird discount registration forms to all Auburn registrants and took our first credit card registration from future National President Dave Gunnarson. Whew!

Then we were suddenly exactly eleven months from the Welcome Party! Ron Blum took on the role of Treasurer and Dick and Linda Livingston were volunteered to chair the raffle and general storage of meet items for the next year. We should have sent Dick a gas card for all the “gopher” trips he made right up to the final day of the meet. Somehow, we tricked Mickey Holton and Jim Brown into key roles.

When we first polled our members in June, we identified about 14 people who would be on-site volunteers. We hoped for more, but figured we could pull it off with that number. By the time



Carolyn and Marisa get registration ready to open



Dick is starting early at the raffle



Dawn and Cheryl at the new star - Tiny Wheel

the meet arrived we had around 40 volunteers. Wow. All the pre-meet planning is vital, but you must have “boots on the ground” to have a smooth-running, successful meet.

As the planning progressed, team leaders stepped up and the teams filled out with more volunteers. It truly took our entire V-8 Family, we could not have done it without all of you; here are the team leaders. Dawn and George Zulas - merchandise sales; Dick and Linda Livingston – Raffles; Sam Van Bruggen, signage and trailer parking; Ron Blum – treasurer; Mickey Holton – photography; Jim Brown – operational check; Este Scheve - ladies’ luncheon; Carolyn Bounds – registration; Gary Osborne and Ron Steck – greeters and Route 66 Tour.

Special shout outs to Scott Gilday for the awards banquet slide show and to Roger Obecný for the 3D-printed V-8 items. We placed these on the hospitality room tables and members were surprised and thrilled that they could take one. Thanks to all the people who persuaded attendees to spin the Tiny Wheel, especially Este and Ron who seemed like they were always there.

Special thanks to the people who spent an extra night in Springfield and worked on the unpacking and setup on Saturday. Special thanks to the folks who just knew the things that needed to be done and did them. Gary and Ron were everywhere, going out to buy water and to giving it out all week; driving, storing, and charging the golf cars, and so much more. Marisa Claybaugh helped everywhere from registration to the tab room to the banquet and many tasks in between.

Thank you to the people who filled out the teams and did what needed to be done, whether it was ops check out in the heat, to trophy assembly and staging in the cool hotel. Thank you to the bus monitors and the tour leaders. Thank you to the ticket takers and those who helped assemble centerpieces and set up banquet rooms. Thanks to John Scheve who opened up the Lake House and made sure the room was ready. There is so much more.

Thank you to the first-time meet attendees who gave up much of the meet experience to help, like Eric & Cheryl Kozmic, Terry Elliott, Jay Hinshaw, Tom Myers, Rusty & Melanie Medlin, and anyone I may have missed.

Just before 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 21, we threw open the doors to Plazas H-I-J and welcomed our “V-8 Family” from all over the country. The rest of the week was a blur, but the NIRG members were there at every turn to make sure the entire family had a wonderful time. We have received so many compliments about what great time our attendees had and it is all because of your efforts and dedication to making a successful meet.

When should we start planning the next one?



Tom's ultra-rare 1945 Pickup hits the bricks on Route 66



Reese and Ciena worked hard to keep people hydrated

JUNE 17 MEETING MINUTES**Submitted by Gary Osborne**

President Scott Gilday opened the meeting at 7:30 pm. He announced that this meeting was going to be devoted to the upcoming Central National Meet. Ken Bounds will lead the discussion. He also welcomed our one visitor Sam Van Bruggen's grandson Jack.



Membership Report - no report

National Club Report

As of the meeting time there still was no National Meet scheduled for 2026.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum reported the Club had revenues of \$25 from last month's 50/50 raffle. The Club had expenses of \$20 for the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

It was reported that Cheryl Kozmic had knee surgery and is recovering well.

Past Events

Scott Gilday reported on the Garage Tour held at his home. He said there was a good group of people, lots of food, nice weather, and everyone had a good time. He is open to doing it again in the future.

Future Events

- June 22-26 - Central National Meet in Springfield
- July 26 - Duals Night at Culvers in St. Charles - 5:00pm
- August 10 - Annual NIRG Picnic at Timmerman's Ranch
- August 23 - Friendly Ford Show in Schaumburg
- September 26-28 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally
- November 8 - Veteran's Luncheon

Additional Items

Most of the evening was spent with Ken Bounds giving a presentation about how the Central National Meet was coming along. He went over each area of stats pertaining to the meet. He let people know exactly where they would be working, where he needed help, and where he needed people to move around their duties. He advised us that the weather reports have predicted a hot week, so we need to be careful while doing our jobs. Each of us would be wearing a red badge to

JUNE 17 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**Submitted by Gary Osborne**

identify us as the host group in case people had questions. The rest of the people would be wearing blue.

At the end we stopped for a coffee break with donuts supplied by Jay Hinshaw. Lastly the 50/50 Raffle was drawn with Terry Elliot being the lucky winner of \$28 to take home.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, Terry Elliot, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat and Dee Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John and Este Scheve, Sam Van Bruggen and grandson Jack, George and Dawn Zulas.

2025 Central National Meet Northern Illinois Regional Group Participants

Name	Vehicle	Award
Marshal & Sue Adams		
Ron Blum		
Ken & Carolyn Bounds	1950 Ford Convertible	Dearborn Medallion with Tab
Ken & Carolyn Bounds	1950 Ford Crestliner	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
Rick & Marissa Claybaugh	1951 Ford Convertible	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
Terry Elliott	1950 Ford Fordor Sedan	2nd Place Touring A
John & Robin Emmering	1951 Ford Custom Fordor	3rd Place Touring
Scott, Reese, and Ciena Gilday	1941 Ford Convertible	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
Mike Heatherly		
Jay Hinshaw		
John Judge	1947 Lincoln Coupe	
Eric & Cheryl Kozmic	1953 Mercury Monterey	Dearborn Award
Dick, Linda & Sarah Livingston	1938 Ford Standard Coupe	Rouge Medallion
Pat & Dee Maroney		
Rusty & Melanie Medlin	1949 Mercury Sport Sedan	1st Place Touring
Tom Myers	1945 Ford Pickup	2nd Place Concourse
Roger Obecnny		
Tom O'Donnell & Family	1953 Lincoln Sport Coupe	Rouge Medallion
Gary & Dawn Osborne	1932 Ford Cabriolet	Dearborn Medallion
Dan & Diane Pudelek	1950 Ford Crestliner	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
John & Este Scheve	1937 Ford Standard Tudor	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
Ron & Colleen Steck		
Sam Van Bruggen & Jack	1940 Ford Coupe	Dearborn Emeritus Medallion
George & Dawn Zulas		



10 Years Ago This Month – July 2015

On Saturday, July 11, eight NIRG members and families headed north to Brainerd, Minnesota, for the Great Northwoods Getaway – the 2015 Central National Meet. We had no idea that it would be 2 days driving there, 2 days driving home, and 1 day at the “Meet.” On July 12, ferocious straight line winds of over 100 miles per hour hit Cragun’s Resort during the welcome party, severely damaging several vehicles, and bringing the meet to a sudden end.

20 Years Ago This Month – July 2005

The July Road Chatter contained an article from Norm Miller including many photos he had taken of members’ cars at the recent Eastern National Meet in Hiawasse, GA. Three members had a great time at the inaugural Auburn Motorfest July 28-30. Participants were able to see the 2½ acres of land that the Early Ford V-8 Foundation had purchased to build its museum.

30 Years Ago This Month – July 1995

Members drove 12 Early V-8s to the Central National Meet July 5-8 in Nashville. On the way, Dan Pudelek stripped a timing gear on his ’49, which he was able to replace at the Meet. Lloyd Duzell broke a spring on the maiden voyage of his ’35 Tudor. But the problems were forgotten when the trophies were awarded. Lin Stacey received a Dearborn Medallion award for his ’42 Sedan Coupe, plus other members received two first place, five second place and one third place trophy in Touring Division.

40 Years Ago This Month – July 1985

A meeting was held July 7 for all committee chairmen planning the 1986 Central National Meet. Meet Chairman Barry Jacksier reported that over 3,500 tickets had been sold for the raffle car with a goal of selling another 11,450. Joey & Nancy Novak led a large group driving 12 cars to the Iola swap meet/car show July 12-14. Everyone had a great time, plus about 1,300 tickets were sold for the raffle car. The July Road Chatter contained an article from Chester Lawrence about spare parts he carries when touring.

50 Years Ago This Month – July 1975

The July newsletter welcomed new member Norm Miller, who attended his first meeting July 8. Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a tour July 20 to the Union Railway Museum, the Seven Acres Museum, and Beck’s Farm. Twelve V-8 families participated, including 9 early V-8s.

Flathead Flashback

Power lines and branches draped over Ken & Carolyn’s 1951 Mercury at the ill-fated 2015 Central National Meet.



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 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	December No Meetings

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

After a year of planning, the 2025 Central National Meet is in the books. The meet was a huge success thanks to the dedication and hard work of all the members of the Northern Illinois Regional Group who gave freely of their time to make the meet run smoothly. Several of you were attending your first national meet and we thank you for giving up much of the normal meet experience to work behind the scenes. Thanks to those of you who braved the heat to work outdoors and thanks to those who brought their cars in the heat. Congratulations to all of you who took home the precious hardware.



In the article beginning on Page 4 we gave shout-outs to the team leaders and to several others. This is not meant to slight anyone; everyone worked hard and your contributions were noticed.

In addition to just pulling the meet off in such heat and avoiding losing money in spite of the large number of late cancellations, the biggest tribute to our success is the many compliments we have received from the over 200 people in attendance. Thank you to all.

Ken & Carolyn

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
RICK CLAYBAUGH (7/2), RUSTY MEDLIN (7/12),
JORDON BELLER (7/13), RHONDA MILLER (7/18),
TONY MIRELES (7/19), & PAT MARONEY (7/21),

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
RICH & MARY ANDERSON (7/29)

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.**



Starting Saturday, March 8, 2025



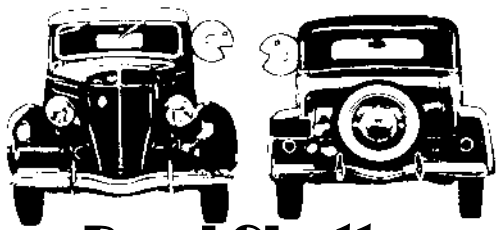
– Service/Parts Department Hours –
7:00am – 3:00pm
All Makes & Models are Welcome!

<https://www.friendlyford.com>

Sales & Service: (630) 924-8686

Save The Date

Randy Yockey's 12th Annual Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show
is August 23 at Schaumburg Boomers Stadium Parking Lot



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**Photo of the Month
NIRG Members at the
2025 Central National Meet Awards Banquet**