

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

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

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

**June 22-26** Central National Meet, Springfield.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**June 14** Flag Day - remember to fly your flag proudly.

**June 15** Happy Father's Day

**June 15** 56th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 10 am - 6 pm Free admission.

**June 20** Summer begins at 9:42 pm local time. Enjoy driving your Early V-8.

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## \*\*Attention Members\*\*



Please plan to attend the June 17 monthly meeting. After a very brief business meeting, we will work on final planning for the 2025 Central National Meet. We invite all members to attend, but if you are registered for the meet, attendance by you and your entire party is highly encouraged. See page 3 for more information.

**2025 OFFICERS****President**

Scott Gilday

**Vice President**

Jay Hinshaw

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Gary Osborne

**Treasurer**

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**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

**NEWSLETTER**

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

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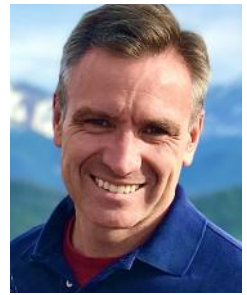
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Hello again,

Welcome to June! Despite a few cold days at the end of May, it new now feels like summer has finally arrived. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Memorial Day and took some time to remember those who gave their lives serving our country.



First, I would like to thank every one who came to our barn warming tour on May 31st. We had great weather, a great turnout, and a great time. Please see Page 4 for more details.



Above and below - great meeting turnout

We had a great turnout for our monthly meeting where Ken and Carolyn Bounds led the group in a detailed planning session for this month's 2025 Central National Meet in Springfield. We even hosted a surprise birthday party for NIRG Secretary Gary Osborne. See photos on the right.



Below - some surprise treats for Gary's birthday

This month, many of us will be attending the Central National Meet in Springfield. We look forward to all being able to spend a few days together enjoying our cars, friendships, and making the meet a great success. Just prior to the meet, we will be holding our monthly membership meeting on June 17th.

I look forward to seeing you this month!



## UPCOMING EVENTS - 2025 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET

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

Full registration packages and detailed information can be downloaded from the website.

### CALLING ALL EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB MEMBERS

There is still time to join us for a V-8 Family Reunion! After a year of planning, the June 22 start date is less than three weeks away. We are still accepting registrations; even though the deadline for making hotel reservations has passed, we can still help you get a hotel reservation at the meet hotel!

Everything is coming together to make sure attendees have a wonderful meet experience and have time to reminisce with old friends and make some new ones.

Current statistics:

- Registrations: 111 - People: 201 - Vehicles: 92 - Trailers: 38
- Registrants have reserved 116 rooms at the Crowne Plaza.

We ask that NIRG members, including spouses and guests who are attending the Central National Meet once again come to the May 20 Monthly Meeting. We are so grateful for everyone's participation last month and for signing up for various support roles.



This month we will go over in more detail what support is needed, fill in any loose ends, and try to start laying out some support schedules.

If you have not registered for the meet, we highly encourage you to consider it. We are sure you will have a great experience!

At the meeting we will give a full update on the meet and answer any questions you may have. Once again, if you have any items to donate to the raffle room, please feel free to bring them to the meeting.



### 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. The registration price of \$45 includes one vehicle.

For full information and a registration form, visit [www.earlyfordv8.org](http://www.earlyfordv8.org) and click on Upcoming Events. A few of our members are planning to participate.



## Gilday Barn Warming Garage Tour

### By Scott Gilday

The weather was fantastic for our Barn Warming event. We had 23 members, family and friends in attendance. Members brought seven antique cars, including six V-8s and a Ford Fairlane. These cars got to hang out with the Gildays' two early V-8s, three later Mustang siblings, a Chrysler Town & Country, and two foreign new-comers, a Fiat 500D and Mini Cooper. While the cars got a chance to relax and enjoy the sunshine, we kicked the tires, told many important and certainly true car-related (and other) stories, and enjoyed a nice lunch and some beer, wine and soda, followed by a yummy dessert of Gilday Barn Cookies from Carolyn Bounds.

Attendees included: Ken and Carolyn Bounds (50 Convertible), Terry Elliott, Ed and Jeanne Garman, Mike Heatherly and his friend, John Judge (47 Lincoln), Tom Myers (45 Pickup), Tim and Melissa Nolan (66 Fairlane Convertible), Tom and Steve O'Donnell (40 Mercury Sedan Coupe), Gary and Dawn Osborne (32 Ford Cabriolet), John and Este Scheve, Andy Zasadny (36 Ford 3 Window Coupe), and Scott, Nicole, Reese and Ciena Gilday (41 Ford Convertible, 47 Ford Station Wagon).

We all had a great time!



Quite a show!



We spent some time kickin' the tires



The group enjoys lunch



important discussions being held



## A Few More Barn Tour Photos



The V-8s are lined up



Some nice rides



Tom O'Donnell's Mercury is ready for inspection



Andy's 36 makes a good showing



Ken talks to an eager audience (Reese and Ciena) about his carnival days



No party would be complete without dessert – Carolyn Bounds' Gilday Barn Cookies

**MAY 20 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday opened the meeting at 7:30 pm to begin the evening. He announced that we would have a shortened business portion of the meeting so that there could be discussion about the upcoming CNM that we are hosting.

**Membership Report** – no report

**National Club Report** – no report

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron Blum reported the Club had revenues of \$42 from dues and the 50/50 raffle. The Club had expenses of \$90.73 from the Road Chatter and the roster.

**Health and Welfare report**

Dawn Zulas reported that Ron Dopke has been diagnosed with leukemia and is being treated. Also, take note that Lin Stacey's Celebration of Life is on June 11th at Riverside Banquets in Geneva.

**Past Events**

It was reported that there was a good turnout for the Eggs and Eights last month. Plenty of good food and great company.

**Future Events**

- May 31 - Gilday Garage Tour - 10:30am
- 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**

The majority of the evening was spent talking about the Central National Meet. Ken Bounds gave a presentation that had all the latest data on the Meet. He talked about who were the leaders of each group of helpers and who had signed up to help. He discussed where we were concerning rooms, food, merchandise, vendors, attendees, and funds. Signup sheets were passed around so that everyone would have a chance to select a place and time to help. We also took a short break during this time to enjoy the delicious cookies that Carolyn Bounds had made for the group. The





last event of the evening was the 50/50 Raffle in which John Scheve was the lucky winner of \$25.

### Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Carolyn Bounds, Tom Buscaglia, Terry Elliot, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge, Pat Maroney, Dee Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Melanie Medlin, Tom Myers, Gary Osborne, Dawn Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Este Scheve, Ron Steck, Sam Van Bruggen, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.

### Editor's Note

Gary didn't mention it, but the CNM presentation was interrupted by a rousing singing of Happy Birthday as it was Gary's birthday. Dawn provided a cake and a giant cookie. Gary was a little embarrassed, but we didn't care.

## FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

This will be more about the meet than about the Road Chatter.

Wow. We can't believe that the meet is almost here. Planning has really gotten intense. Our printers are already humming starting to prepare the mountain of paper we need to bring for registration and more. License plate space markers are made, but new registrations need to be added. Meet merchandise is either here or has been shipped. Trailer parking and security for both the hotel trailer area are set. Meet tote bags are here and lanyards have been shipped. The meet booklet is taking shape.



We want to thank Ron and Arlene Blum for driving up to Mukwonago to pick up the meet shirts. Having them shipped to the manufacturer saved us some money.

We are so grateful for all the support volunteers who came to the meeting last month or who volunteered from a distance. We have more than we thought possible. There is a lot of hard work ahead, but we hope it will be rewarding for everyone.

We hope that all of you bringing vehicles to the meet are well on your way to having them ready. Ken is bringing three cars and has most of the preparation work complete. We will drive the Crestliner down for storage at the Livingston's in 10 days and drive the Mercury and Convertible down the following Saturday. Thanks to Dick and Linda for storing our car along with boxes of meet items at their hangar. (Does anyone else have a hangar for their cars?)

Finally, on the Road Chatter. We had a really fun time at the Gilday Barn Warming Tour. Scott and Nicole were wonderful and generous hosts, plus Reese and Ciena were lots of fun. It was so nice to see eight Early V-8s there plus several of our newest members: Ed and Jeanne Garman, Tim and Melissa Nolan, and Andy Zasadny. Most importantly, a big thank you to Scott for so quickly getting his writeup of the event and pictures to us so that the Road Chatter was only a couple of days late. We planned for a delay to get the May 31 event included, but appreciate the extra effort to get it done quickly.

*Ken & Carolyn*



### 10 Years Ago This Month – June 2015

June 8-11, Ken & Carolyn Bounds and Rick, Marisa, and Kim Claybaugh attended the Eastern National Meet in Concord, North Carolina. Ken's convertible and Rick's Fordor took a few laps around the Charlotte Motor Speedway and came home with 1st Place trophies - from the concourse, that is. On June 27, Ron & Arlene Blum hosted a "Duals Night" get-together at Culver's in Buffalo Grove. There were 25 members and seven Early V-8s in attendance.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – June 2005

The June Road Chatter informed us that editor Diane Wrobel and the Road Chatter had been awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 2004 newsletter competition. On June 8 several members toured to a B-17 restoration project in Marengo. On June 20-26, five members toured to the Eastern National Meet in Hiawasse, GA. Everyone who drove a car came back with a 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – June 1995

On June 10-11, four members took part in a Route 66 Tour, including Marty Duling who had come up from Kentucky. The group spent the night in Springfield and ate at one of Marty's favorite restaurants. At the June 21 monthly meeting it was reported that former NIRG President John Witthoeft had passed away. There was discussion at the meeting about the upcoming early July tour to the Central National Meet in Nashville. Between 9 and 12 members indicated they planned to attend.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – June 1985

Much of the business at the June 11 monthly meeting involved plans for trailering the 1986 Central Meet swap car to various events. On June 15 Earl Heintz hosted a car show at the Springbrook Shopping Center in Bloomingdale. Jimmy Pope arranged a June 23 tour to the Chicago Water Filtration Plant, but unfortunately was unable to attend. Seven members plus their families attended a very interesting tour on a rainy day. There were two Early Ford V-8s on the tour, along with a few "off-brands."

### 50 Years Ago This Month – June 1975

Eleven Early V-8s were shown at the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center Show June 8. The June 10 monthly meeting was well-attended by 31 members, spouses, and guests; ten of those 31 are still members today! Alan Wall reported that 25 of the 30 rooms blocked for the Peoria Central National Meet in August had been booked.

### Flathead Flashback

**Lineup of Early V-8s at the June 27, 2015 Duals Night.**





**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

<b>May</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 31 Gilday Garage Tour, Barrington	<b>June</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting 22-26 Central National Meet - Springfield	<b>July</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26 Duals Night, Culver's, St. Charles	<b>August</b> 10 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting 23 Friendly Ford Show, Schaumburg
<b>September</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 8 Veterans Luncheon 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting	<b>December</b> No Meetings



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**THOMAS MYERS (6/4), JOHN SLOBODNIK (6/4),**  
**BOB MILLER (6/5), DELICE SERRITELLA (6/7), JUDY BUSCAGLIA (6/10),**  
**RON STECK (6/10), MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/19), BENNY TAYLOR (6/22),**  
**SAM DIX (6/28), JOHN KRENGER (6/29), & ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**THOMAS & JUDY MYERS (6/8), DICK & LINDA LIVINGSTON (6/12),**  
**RICK & MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/15), SAM & JANIS DIX (6/18),**  
**& RON & COLLEEN STECK (6/24)**

**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



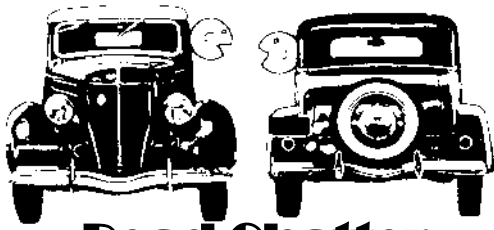
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### Save The Date

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  
Ciena, Reese, and Scott  
At the Gilday Barn Warming Tour**