

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**March 13** - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**March 18** - Annual Pizza Meeting, Pay Joey's, 6:30 pm. See page 3.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**March 9** - Daylight Saving Time begins - remember to turn your clocks forward.

**March 9** - MARC Winter Swap, Friendly Ford, Roselle. 8:00 - 1:00. \$6 admission

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy something green.

**March 20** - Spring begins at 4:01 am CDT! Time to dust off those Early V-8's!

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**Back Cover** – Our group at the Valentine's Luncheon in Barrington.

Note: We plan to have the 2025 Rosters available at the March Pizza Meeting.



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

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family and friends on March 18 to Pal Joey's in Batavia – see Page 3 for details.

**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

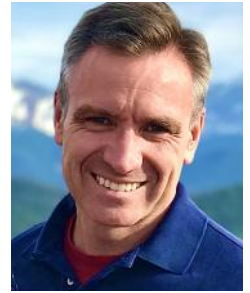
**NEWSLETTER**

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to March. Despite the brief bout of snow and cold we got last month, it will be springtime soon. With the temperature finally starting to rise, my daughters' snowman is waving goodbye for the season (hopefully), to allow us to start thinking about getting our V-8's out of the garage and onto the road.



Please note that this month's member meeting will be a Pizza Meeting at Pal Joey's in Batavia on March 18th (details on next page), so please do not go to our normal Wheeling Township Service Center location in Arlington Heights.



I'd like to thank Dawn Zulas for organizing last month's Valentine's luncheon. We had a great turnout, great food and a great time at Makray's Oak Terrace restaurant in Barrington.

During last month's Tech Talk, John Scheve did a very informative discussion on the job he's doing rebuilding the front-end of his '47 Ford. In doing this, he showed us some of the parts and tools he's using and talked through important steps like honing the spindle bushings.

If you would like to get more involved in the club or have any questions or thoughts you'd like to share, feel free to catch me at a meeting, email me at [sgilday@msn.com](mailto:sgilday@msn.com), or call/text me at 312-953-6855.

I look forward to great year and hope to see you at our upcoming activities.

**Hidden Treasures National Driving Tour**

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](http://www.earlyfordv8.org) and click on Upcoming Events.

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

## PIZZA MEETING

March 18, 2025

***New Place!!***

Pal Joey's

31 N. River Street, Batavia

Parking on the street or free public parking lot next door.

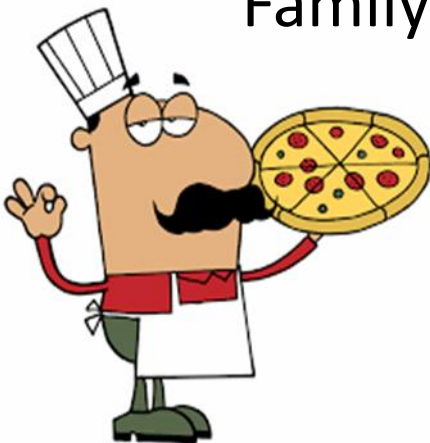
All you can eat pizza and all you can drink  
regular and diet pop.

\$12 per person

Cash bar will also be available

6:30pm

Family and Friends Welcome!

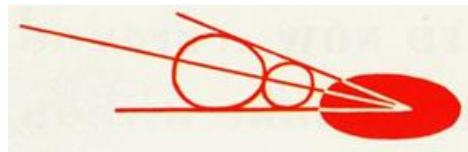
***Pal Joey's****Restaurant & Bar***We need a firm head count by March 14. Call Este @ 630.420.0029**

## Valentine's Luncheon By Dawn Zulas Photos By Scott Gilday

We would like to thank everyone who went to the Valentine's Luncheon on a chilly, but seasonal, February 8th at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. Seventeen members and one guest could choose one entrée: chicken piccata, 4oz. petite filet, or grilled salmon. An assortment of small cakes and cookies along with coffee was enjoyed after our meal. We had a nice time and everyone had a chance to catch up.

It was a special treat to have Randy & Debbie Yockey in attendance and Dick & Linda Livingston all the way from Springfield (via Lake Geneva). Also in attendance were our hosts Dawn & George Zulas, President Scott Gilday, Ron & Arlene Blum with their friend Audrey Rohlinger, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Rusty & Melanie Medlin, Tom & Judy Myers, and Gary & Dawn Osborne.

Thank you to everyone who made this luncheon a success.



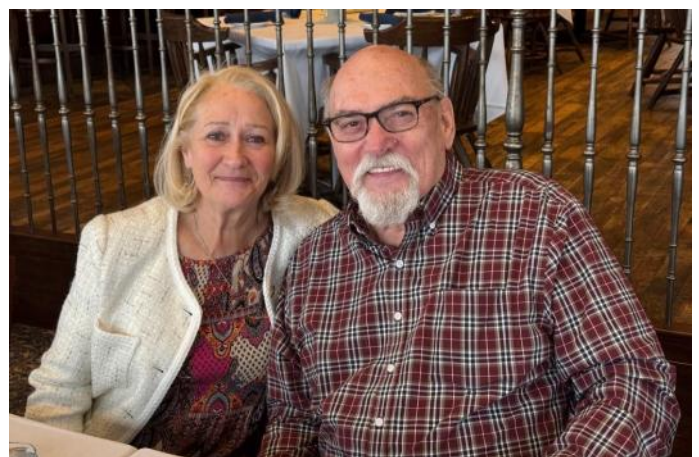
Debbie & Randy Yockey



Tom & Judy Myers



Linda & Dick Livingston



Hosts Dawn & George Zulas

### Valentines Luncheon Continued



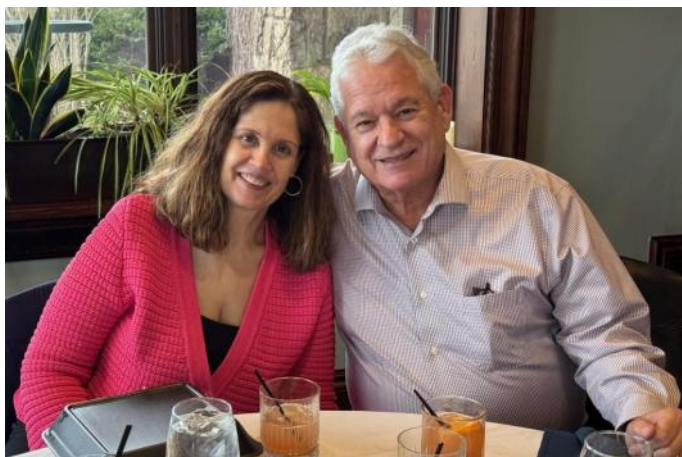
Melanie & Rusty Medlin



Ron & Arlene Blum and Audrey Rohlinger



Gary & Dawn Osborne



Carolyn & Ken Bounds



**2025 Central National Meet  
Springfield, Illinois**

### 2025 Central National Meet Update

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

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

Full registrations received: 39

Early registrations received: 45

Cancellations: 5

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

**FEBRUARY 18 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Our President Scott Gilday opened up the meeting with a warm welcome to all in attendance. It was a very cold evening so the turnout was a little low. Since the January meeting had been cancelled this was our first meeting of the new year. Scott went over most of the upcoming events for the next few months and some of the decisions the Board of Directors had made.

**Membership Report**

As of the meeting time there were 49 membership renewals.

**National Club Report**

Ken and Carolyn Bounds have made tremendous progress on the Central National Meet including 3D printing the Awards Banquet table centerpieces, sending donation letters to vendors, sending raffle ticket packets to regional groups, and booking entertainment for the Welcome Dinner. Also, if you have any items for the Raffle Room, please contact Dick and Linda Livingston. They need items!

**Treasurer's Report**

The Club had revenues of \$965 for dues, event income, and a donation. There were expenses of \$1109.55 for Road Chatter, ZOOM contract, event expense, and room rental.

**Health and Welfare Report**

Dawn Zulas reported that Ron Blum fell but is doing OK. Ron Dopke fell a while ago but is also doing OK. Tom O'Donnell is doing well. Frank Koeder is feeling better. If you know someone in the group that is going through a health issue, please let us know so that fellow members can keep them in mind and in their prayers.

**Past Events**

Jay Hinshaw hosted our annual Installation Dinner on January 11th. It was a great time at Cooper's Corner for all that came out. Of course; there was also the swearing in of all the Officers and Directors. Great food and a lot of fun.

Dawn Zulas reported on the Valentine's Luncheon that she and George hosted at Makray Golf Club on February 8th. A good size group came out for the event to enjoy the great food and each other's company.

**Future Events**

March 18 - Annual Pizza Meeting, \*\*new location-Pal Joey's in Batavia, 6:30pm

April 26 - Eggs and Eights at Juicy O's in Downers Grove, 9:30am

May 31- Garage Tour at Gildays (more info coming)

June 22-26 - Central National Meet in Springfield

September 26-28 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

November 8 - Veteran's Luncheon

**FEBRUARY 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

**Additional Items**

During our break this month Jay Hinshaw supplied us with donuts and coffee.

Afterwards we enjoyed a Tech Talk given by John Scheve (right) highlighting all the front end repairs that he was making on his 1947 Coupe. He was very informative and showed how he had replaced the bushings in the spindles, and the replacement of the linkages as needed. More to come later.

The last event of the evening was the 50/50 Raffle in which Gary Osborne won \$20.

**Attendance**

Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Roger Obecny, Gary Osborne, John Scheve, Este Scheve, George Zulas, Dawn Zulas.

**FROM THE EDITORS**

Ken &amp; Carolyn Bounds

First, we would like to apologize for this issue being a little late. We just arrived early Sunday morning on a red-eye from a wonderful two-week vacation to our home-away-from-home, Maui. We saw so many humpback whales doing their best to entertain tourists, had some great meals, and did an epic job of relaxing.

We didn't regret all our time in the low 80's sunshine, but I regret missing John Scheve's presentation on his front-end work.

Thanks to Dawn Zulas for arranging, hosting, and reporting on a fun Valentine's Day event and thanks also to Scott Gilday for providing the photos.

I had a nice surprise waiting for me that arrived while we were gone. It was a brand-new heater core from Brassworks for the Convertible. Their products are very pricey, but I hope the price was worth it to solve a nagging problem with seepage from the heater. I hope to install it soon and give you an update on the results.

Meanwhile, progress is being made on planning and processing registrations for the National Meet. It is (gulp) less than four months away. We have provided a few registration statistics on page 5. We encourage everyone, especially NIRG members to get your registrations in soon and make sure you have made your hotel reservations. Much more information coming soon.

This is new: there is a *possibility* of a 2026 Eastern National Meet! Stay tuned.



Ken & Carolyn



### 10 Years Ago This Month – March 2015

On March 7, twenty members and family attended the Pioneer Turners luncheon hosted by Charlie Kaiser at Café Prague in Chicago. On Friday, March 27, Ron Blum hosted a lucky group of 28 NIRG members, family, and friends at the ever-popular Night at the Races. This year we were treated to harness racing at Maywood Park in Melrose Park.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – March 2005

At the March 15 monthly meeting, President Ron Dopke discussed various tour ideas for the upcoming V-8ing year. One was a trip to a B-17 restoration in Marengo; another was a trip to Historic Auto Attractions museum in Roscoe, a third, suggested by Charles Kaiser was a tour of the Sanfilippo Foundation's *Place de la Musique* in Barrington Hills. Ken Bounds discussed the upcoming Eastern National Meet in Hiawassee, Georgia.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – March 1995

At the March 21 monthly meeting Ed Fontana gave a report on the World of Wheels show March 3-5 at McCormick Place. Ed and Paul Goschi each received a 1<sup>st</sup> Place and John Pater won a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Most of the business at the meeting was upcoming tours scheduled for the year, including a large group planning to attend the Central National Meet in Nashville in July. It was reported that Editor Diane Wrobel received 6<sup>th</sup> Place in the annual newsletter contest for the Road Chatter.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – March 1985

The March Road Chatter included a letter from National Director Charles Seims announcing that the Road Chatter had won 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the newsletter competition. At the March 12 monthly meeting, much of the discussion centered around the just-announced 1986 Central National Meet. Members learned that Lloyd Duzell had purchased a 1939 Ford Standard Fordor Sedan to be used as a raffle car.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – March 1975

The March newsletter welcomed new members Barrett & Marsha MacGregor and Ray & Karen Tognarelli. Ray would become NIRG President two years later and was responsible for naming the Road Chatter and designing its logo in 1979.

### Flathead Flashback

**NIRG members pose with the winning horse, Blazing Fury, at the March 27, 2015 Night at the Races.**





**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

**Welcome Spring!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

**NICOLE GILDAY (3/20),  
 LAURIE VLASIC (3/22) & JUDY BELLER (3/28)**

**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](mailto: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.

# The Winter Swap!

## Winter Parts Swap



**Hosted by the Illinois Region MARC**

**All Makes and Models are welcome  
Clean out your garage and attic  
Admission \$6 Plenty of free parking**

**Friendly Ford in Roselle Illinois  
333 E. Irving Park Road  
Sunday March 9th, 2025  
8AM til 1 PM**

For Swap spaces  
Contact: Nick Clancy  
PH: 224-500-1720  
nick.clancy@yahoo.com

**Coffee and Donuts  
Lunch will  
be available**

For Swap Spaces  
Contact: Gene Levin  
PH: 847-754-7224  
EZL3517@comcast.net

Do you need parts for your project?



Do you need to sell that stuff in your garage?



**To all Vendors - We are offering selling spaces at ONLY \$10 to you!  
Please call Nick or Gene for a reservation so we know you are coming! Thank you!**

**For more info call Ken Ehrenhofer 630-697-3906  
spaces are 10x10 - bring tables and chairs**



## **Road Chatter**

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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our Group at the Valentine's Luncheon**