

ROAD CHATTER

Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 8 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

May 20 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

May 31 - Garage Tour - Gilday garage, Barrington. See details on Page 3.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 11 - Happy Mothers Day to all moms!

May 17 - 60th Annual "Little Hershey" Swap Meet & Cruise In, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL. Admission \$10.

May 25 - 52rd Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 6 am - 3 pm, \$5 admission, show cars \$15.

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Attention Members

Please plan to attend the May 20 monthly meeting. After a very brief business meeting, the evening will be devoted to 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 7 for more information.

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Mike Heatherly

Rusty Medlin

Este Scheve

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MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third
Tuesday of the month at
the Wheeling Township
Service Center, 1616 N.
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Arlington Heights, IL

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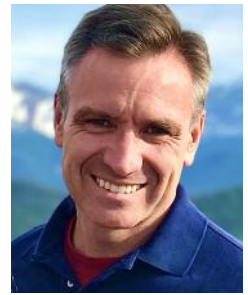
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to May. Springtime is finally here and hopefully you've had a chance to get your V-8 out on the road. I just took my '41 convertible out for a quick spin, and boy was that nice (see the picture on page 3). After months of hibernation, she purred like a kitten.



On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Lin Stacey. He was a longtime member of our regional group and also actively involved in the national club. We will miss him, and our prayers go out to his family.

I would like to thank Dawn and George Zulas for planning our Eggs & Eights on April 26th. We had a great turnout, and the group enjoyed a really nice breakfast. Next, during our monthly meeting, Ken Bounds provided a very informative tip about where to find a new heater core for your '50 Ford. He also walked us through the roles that our members can play to help make our upcoming Central National Meet a success. Many thanks go out to Ken and Carolyn for all the work they've done so far planning this event!

As we look to May, we have an exciting month planned. In addition to our normal monthly meeting, my family will be hosting a barn-warming garage tour. Please see page 3 for details.

On a separate note, the work on our '41 continues. We just found a new paint vendor. Here are a couple pictures of the transmission, before and after.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's events!



UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Gilday Barn-Warming Garage Tour

Please join us for a couple of hours of fun and Fords (and some other makes) at our somewhat complete barn. We will serve a lunch of sandwiches and sides and have fun kicking the tires and maybe even turning a wrench or two (or at least talking about it over a beer). Drinks and beverages will be provided. Early V-8s (as well as modern cars) are welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Time: 10:30AM – 2PM

Place: 22 W. County Line Rd., Barrington Hills, Illinois 60010

Cost: Free, although you may be asked to give us decorating tips.

Directions:

We are located approximately 3 miles west of Rt 59 on County Line Road (Lake-Cook Road). We are on the north side of the road, and share mailboxes with our neighbor, 21 W. County line Rd.

- **From I 355 / 53** – Go north to Lake Cook Road (which becomes County Line Road) and travel west for 8.5 miles.
- **From IL Rt. 59** – Go to Main Street in Barrington (which becomes County Line Road) and go west for 3 miles.

Google Maps or Waze will correctly map you to our address.



Eggs & Eights Breakfast By Ken Bounds

On a chilly, but dry, Saturday, April 26, 19 members, family, and friends enjoyed breakfast at Juicy O in Downers Grove. The dry weather allowed four Early V-8s to come along for the ride. Dawn and George Zulas had set up the event, but they were out of town and unable to attend. They were well-represented by son Tom and Denise.

We were pleased with the nice turnout and everyone had time to enjoy some V-8 camaraderie while sampling the freshly made donuts. The staff did a great job serving us and we all had a nice breakfast.

In attendance were Ron & Arlene Blum with friend Audrey Rohlinger, Ken & Carolyn Bounds – 1951 Mercury, Tom Buscaglia, Mike Heatherly, John Judge with friend Yolanda – 1948 Lincoln, Rusty Medlin – 1949 Mercury, Gary & Dawn Osborne – 1932 Ford Cabriolet, Dan Pudelek, John & Este Scheve, Ron & Colleen Steck, and Tom Zulas with friend Denise Brussels.



John's Lincoln graced the parking lot



Denise & Tom Z



Yolanda & John J



Rusty



Dan



Este & John S



Tom B, Ron & Arlene B, and Audrey



Gary & Dawn and Colleen



Ron and Mike



Ken & Carolyn

Lin Stacey - October 29, 1953 - April 29, 2025

Pat Stacey let us know this week that Lin passed away after a very long battle with Parkinson's Disease. They would have been married 40 years in June. Lin was a long-time member of the Early V-8 Club, having joined the national club and our regional group in 1988. Lin served on our board of directors one year and was membership chairman for ten years.

Lin was better known, though, as the Tool Advisor for the national club for the last 28 years. With his diligent research work at the Benson Ford Research Center, Lin was well-respected as the most knowledgeable resource about the tools supplied with Early V-8s. His meticulously-restored tool kits were a must have for members having their vehicles point judged at national meets. Because of his important contributions, Lin is listed as a contributing author on several of the national club's restoration books.

Lin was proud of the restoration he did on his gorgeous 1942 Ford Sedan Coupe, earning the coveted Dearborn Award at the 1992 Central National Meet in Indianapolis. Coincidentally, Lin's very interesting story about the Coupe restoration appeared in the very same Sept/Oct issue of the V-8 Times as the report on that National Meet. We can make a reprint of that article available to you.

Pat is planning a celebration of Lin's life, tentatively June 11. Lin will be truly missed and our thoughts are with Pat and their family.



Pat and Lin at the 2014 Club Picnic



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 and click on Upcoming Events. A few of our members are planning to participate.



Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Ed and Jeanne Garman of Crystal Lake. They are also new members of the National Club. Ed has a 1932 Ford Coupe and a 1936 Ford Pickup that had been his parents. We hope to meet Ed and Jeanne at upcoming Club meetings and events.

APRIL 15 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Vice President Jay Hinshaw opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with a welcome to all those in attendance. He took us through most of the business portion of the meeting before President Scott Gilday arrived to finish up the rest. There was a lot of discussion about the Central National Meet our group is hosting in June.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we currently have 52 members. All of the Membership Rosters have been handed out.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron Blum gave the following report: revenue of \$318 for dues and event income, and expenses of \$298.48 for the Road Chatter and event expense.

Health and Welfare report

Mike Heatherly shared that his brother Rob has been diagnosed with cancer. It was also reported that former member Ed Crane's wife Diane has passed away. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Past Events

Este Scheve gave a report that the Pizza Meeting was a success. Lots of pizza, and a lot of fun as we enjoyed the evening at Pal Joey's.

Future Events

- May 31 - Garage Tour at Gildays
- June 22-26 - Central National Meet in Springfield
- July 26 - Duals Night at Culver's in St. Charles
- 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

Central National Meet Updates

Ken Bounds gave a full update on things happening with the Meet.

Full registrations-96, Early registrations-6, Vehicles-78.

Route 66 Driving Tour-127

Received a large donation from Bob Drake Reproductions.

Clothing items ordered or arrived, along with hats and flats for the awards.

Large raffle items are in.

Table centerpieces are done.

Our food commitment should be met, but we need more room commitments.

APRIL 15 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**Submitted by Gary Osborne**

A job assignment signup sheet was passed around, and we need many volunteers.

WE REALLY NEED EVERYONE, INCLUDING SPOUSES, TO ATTEND THE MAY MEMBERS' MEETING!

Additional Items

The Tech Talk was an Open Forum where there was a lot of discussion concerning Pat's transmission shifting problem with the 1950 Custom Deluxe. He filled us in on what he had already tried, and many suggestions were given to help him out.

The final event of the evening was the 50/50 Raffle. Ron Blum won \$27.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Bob Miller, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Este Scheve, Sam Van Bruggen, George Zulas.

2025 CENTRAL NATIONAL MEET UPDATE

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

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

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

We ask that everyone, including spouses and guests who are attending the Central National Meet come to the May 20 Monthly Meeting. As you know, we need all the help we can get to efficiently run the meet. We will have lists of areas where we need help and sign-up sheets for jobs including registration, raffle sales, merchandise sales, operational check, greeters, ticket takers, tour leaders, trailer parking assistants, and more.

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.

Current statistics:

- Full registrations received: 102
- Early registrations received: 4
- Cancellations: 11
- Vehicles: 84
- 92 registrants have made hotel reservations at the Crowne Plaza. There are still plenty of rooms available.





10 Years Ago This Month – May 2015

On a chilly May 31, 16 members drove 11 Early V-8s to display and honor US Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno. Afterwards the group enjoyed lunch at the White Fence Farm joined by 4 additional members. Over the Memorial Day weekend, Ken & Carolyn Bounds drove to the Spring Fling in Newton, Kansas where they were joined by Tulsa members, the Claybaugh family.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 2005

On May 22 Tom O'Donnell hosted a tour to the Historic Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe, IL. Tom's drive to Roscoe in his '40 Mercury went sour when a water pump locked up. The rest of the group went on to the museum only to find it closed. After Tom caught up, everyone went to lunch, toured back home, and would have something to talk about in the future.

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1995

On May 6 Rich Doligale hosted a Southside Spring Fling driving tour to two collections, including George Schaff's huge truck and tractor collection in Frankfort. The tour was a big success with about 60 in attendance. At the May 7 Grayslake swap meet, several NIRG members manned a table of parts donated by club members and enriched the club's treasury by \$427. At the May 16 monthly meeting there was much discussion about the tour to the Central National Meet in Nashville.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1985

The May Road Chatter included a detailed update on the planning for the 1986 Central National Meet. The report contained a correction that Frank Koeder was responsible for the purchase of the raffle car, not Lloyd Duzell as previously reported. At the May 14 monthly meeting, much of the business of the was progress reports on the National Meet. It was reported that the raffle car has been finished and that already 1,250 raffle tickets have been sold.

50 Years Ago This Month – May 1975

Thirty members and spouses attended the May 13 monthly meeting at Tom Young's freshly cleaned and painted body shop. George Anderton presented a program on welding. Don & Elaine Braun hosted a picnic May 25 at the Pheasant Valley Hunt Club in Kenosha, WI, attended by 26 adults and 16 youngsters.

Flathead Flashback

Carolyn Bounds posing with Marisa, Rick, and Kim Claybaugh at the 2015 Spring Fling.



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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
STAN STACK (5/2), DICK LIVINGSTON (5/5), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),
GRACE MOHAWK (5/9), MARILYN KRENGER (5/13),
RAY McMAHON (5/14), CAROLINE MIRELES (5/14),
FRANK KOEDER (5/18), IRENE VINYARD (5/18), & GARY OSBORNE (5/20)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6), SAM & NINA VAN BRUGGEN (5/24),
& JOHN & ROBIN EMMERING (5/31)

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" 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.

Wanted

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

Wanted: **Your ad for vehicles, parts, memorabilia, and more.**

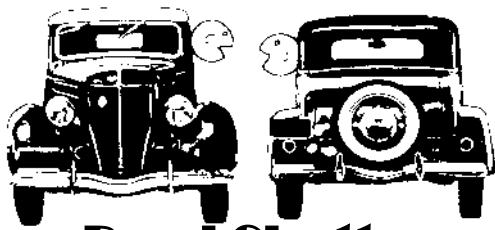
FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

We send our condolences to Pat Stacey and her family with the passing of Lin. Please read the short article on Page 5. As we approach our Central National Meet, we remember the great job that Lin did organizing the swap meet at our 2014 Meet.

We want to say "thank you" to Gary Osborne and Ron Steck for driving to Springfield this week. They delivered a truckload of "stuff" that the Livingstons are graciously storing for the meet. They also drove the route to check out the Route 66 driving tour that will be held on the final day of the meet. We hope that went well!

Finally, we want to reiterate the message on Page 7 that we encourage more of our members to register for the meet, if possible and that all attendees, including spouses come to the May 20 monthly meeting so we can go over on-site support needed at the meet and start signing up for various duties. Planning has been going well and we will give a full report. Hope to see you there.

*Ken & Carolyn***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**



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Photo of the Month
Early V-8s at the Eggs & Eights Breakfast