

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**June 11** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**June 16** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**June 27** Flathead Reunion, Early Ford V-8 Museum, Auburn, Indiana. 9 am - 5 pm.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

**June 21** Happy Father's Day

**June 21** 58th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 10 am - 6 pm Free admission.

**June 21** Summer begins at 4:24 am local time. Enjoy driving your Early V-8.

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

With these longer, warmer days 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 have an interesting tech talk and maybe some infamous cookies.

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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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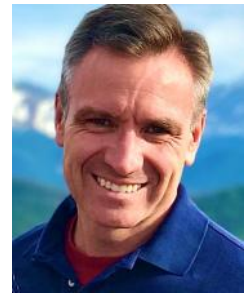
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Hello again,

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and not only got a chance to spend some time with family and friends, but also took the time to remember those who have served our country.

May was a very busy month. First, I would like to thank Tom O'Donnell for hosting a joint tour with the Lincoln club to the United Remanufacturing



Company in Schiller Park. This was a very informative tour followed by a nice brunch and we all had a great time. I am pretty sure I have purchased at least one of their carburetors over the years. Next, I thank Ron Blum for hosting a Duals Night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove. We had great weather and a really good turnout. Reese and I even got to enjoy some ice cream (but don't tell Nicole I had a malt – Yummy!) Lastly, I did another tech talk on the continuing restoration of my '69 Mustang's body. I was happy to get some good feedback on the work we're doing from the group.

As we look to June, in addition to our member meeting on June 16, we are planning a joint Flatheads Forever Reunion tour with the Northern Ohio Regional Group at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation in Auburn, Indiana on June



27. We look forward to seeing you at this month's events.

On a last note, I would like to congratulate my daughter Reese on her high school graduation and all the hard work she did to get there!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

First Annual!

**FLATHEADS FOREVER REUNION****ANY Vehicle with a flathead!!**

\$25  
Entry

Sat. June 27  
9-5 2026

Early Ford V-8  
Museum Campus

**Hotel:** Best Western, 225 Touring Drive Auburn - Room Rate of \$90 per night, plus tax

**Call Brandy Williams at 260-925-6363 for reservations, mention the Early Ford group from Ohio.**

**Friday, June 26**

Meet at Lincoln Oasis; depart at 10:00 am. Drive 146 miles to Auburn (approximately 3 hours) via I-80/94 and US-6. Check in to hotel and meet the group from Ohio. Steve Kronen has made reservations at a local restaurant for dinner.

**Saturday, June 27**

Attend the Flatheads Forever Reunion at the Foundation Museum. Ken Bounds will provide you a registration form. You can mail a check for the \$25 registration fee or pay on site. If you are a Foundation member, be sure to bring your membership card for admission to the museum.

**Sunday, June 28**

Return home.

**Details:** Much more information on the event website [Flatheads Forever Reunion](#)

**Contact:** Ken Bounds    ken@boundshome.com    Phone or text - 630-408-4006



**Northern Illinois Regional Group  
Northern Ohio Regional Group  
Auburn, Indiana  
June 26 - 27, 2026**



## Tour to United Remanufacturing (UREMCO) May 2, 2026

### By Tom O'Donnell

We were greeted with a sunny day, but it was a little chilly. V-8 members attending were Jay Hinshaw (1940 Tudor), John Judge (1947 Continental), Bob Jans and his son (1949 Pickup), Tom Myers (1945 Pickup) and Ken Strysick (1949 Pickup). Tom and Steve O'Donnell (Steve's 72 Cutlass convertible), Scott Gilday, John and Este Scheve came in modern cars.

Lake Shore Region of the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club members that attended were John McCarthy in his 2006 Mark LT, Greg Brown, Harry E. Came, Matt Harbert and Angi Endicott, Nick and Julie Hertzfelt in modern cars.

The President of UREMCO David Portman and his assistant Alicia Erickson, greeted us and welcomed us to their facility. David gave us a brief history of the business and then we started the tour where David would explain the process used to re-manufacture carburetors. Alicia showed us how the finished product is packed for shipping. Then we went where the cores are stored until needed. There are about 80 50 gallon drums filled with cores. They are stored by manufacturer (Holley, Carter, etc.) and engine type (Ford, GM, etc.).

Next we were shown the disassembly area where the cores are disassembled and inspected for usability. Some parts of the core may not be usable, but the parts that are useable are sent to the cleaning room. In the cleaning room the parts are cleaned and coated with zinc chromate or a rust protective coating to duplicate factory look and function.

After the cores and parts are cleaned and coated, they go to the assembly area. There the parts are inspected again and assembled into a carburetor. The assembled carburetor is sent to a testing station where they are first tested for leaks then moved to a flow tester station. At the flow tester station the carburetor is checked for vacuum leaks, fuel flow, accelerator pump action and idle function. If it fails any of the tests, it sent to an area where it can be repaired. Next the carburetor is sent to the packaging area where it is shrink wrapped in a plastic material to prevent moisture damage in transit or storage, placed in an appropriate sized box and packed to prevent damage in shipping. Mr. Portman's description of the process was entertaining and informative. We all learned some new things about carburetors and rebuilding them.

After the plant tour, most of us went to Al and Andy's restaurant where they blocked off part of the parking lot for our cars. We were running late so very little tire kicking went on, but there was a lot of stimulating conversation at the table.

I wish to thank everyone that came on the tour and I enjoyed meeting the new NIRG members, Bob and Ken.



Our group enjoying lunch at Al & Andy's Restaurant

### Duals Night By Ken Bounds

On Saturday evening, May 16, Ron Blum hosted a “duals night” gathering at Culver’s in Buffalo Grove. Attending in Early V-8s were Ken & Carolyn Bounds - 1950 Ford Convertible, Jay Hinshaw - 1940 Ford Standard Tudor, Tom O’Donnell & son Steve - 1940 Mercury, Dan & Diane Pudelek - 1950 Ford Crestliner, and Ken & Cynda Strysick - 1949 Ford Pickup. In another classic were Scott Gilday & daughter Reese - 1948 Chrysler Convertible. Arriving in modern iron were our hosts Ron & Arlene Blum with their neighbor Audrey Rohlinger, Mike Heatherly, Jay’s sons Jack and Michael, Phil Olson & Denise Savone, and Stan & Jo Anne Stack.

It was a beautiful evening to hang out and chat in the parking lot and to enjoy the meal in Culver’s. I was really nice to see Stan and Jo Anne for the first time in a while. We were also happy that some of our newest members were there. A fun time was had by all.



Denise Savone & Phil Olson



Cynda & Ken Strysick



Arlene, Audrey, & Ron



Tom & Steve , Scott & Reese



Mike Heatherly, JoAnne & Stan Stack



Jay Hinshaw & Scott Gilday



Dan & Diane Pudelek



Carolyn & Ken Bounds



Chatting in the parking lot



Row of Early V-8s



Ken Strysick’s new ‘49 Pickup



Scott’s ‘48 Chrysler

**MAY 19 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Scott Gilday. Fortunately, because there was the potential for standing room only, the attending 9 members were able to find seats. Since there were no visitors, Scott got right into the program after welcoming and introducing new members Ken Strynick and Phil Olson. Here's how it went:

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that with the addition of Phil Olson we now have 56 members.

**National Club Report**

Ken Bounds reported that there are two national driving tours this year: Peaks and Prairies in Montana/Wyoming, August 2-7; Amish Country in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, August 24-28.

A 2027 Eastern National Meet has been approved for June 20-27, 2027, at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Treasurer's Report**

There were revenues of \$39 from dues and a donation. There were expenses of \$233.57 from Road Chatter, Roster, and the 2026 CNM.

**Health and Welfare Report**

Ken Bounds had eye surgery and is doing well, will have knee surgery in June. John Scheve is still having some problems with his back surgery recovery. Ron Steck is recovering from recent knee surgery. Phil Olson's partner Denise is recovering from recent shoulder surgery.

**Previous Events**

Gary Osborne reported that the Van Bruggen Sign Tour on April 25 was a success. Everyone had a wonderful time as Sam Van Bruggen explained how his company made signs. Lunch at The Patio afterwards was also very nice.

Tom O'Donnell reported on the tour to United Remanufacturing with the Lincoln car club. It was very interesting, so much so, that everyone wished it was longer. However, they had brunch reservations that had to be met on time. All attendees had a great time.

Those that attended the Duals Night in Buffalo Grove also said they had a great time at this event. There were quite a few people who came out, with six antique vehicles. The weather also cooperated to make it a nice summer evening.

**Upcoming Events**

- June 26-27 - Joint tour with the Northern Ohio Group to attend the Flatheads Forever Reunion in Auburn, Indiana
- July 25 - Dual's Night at Culver's in St. Charles
- August 2 - Annual Picnic at Timmermann's Ranch
- September 25-27 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

## MAY 19 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

### Additional Items

There was a short break taken to enjoy some of Carolyn Bounds' famous cookies. We were told that none could be taken back home with Ken, so we took care of that.

Scott Gilday presented another chapter in the saga of the Mustang restoration. He had a lot of photos to highlight the detailed explanation of all his hard work. This will be a very nice car once he is done.

The last item on the agenda was the 50/50 raffle in which Tom O'Donnell won \$27. He then gave \$25 of that back to the Club as a donation. Thank you, Tom.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

### Attendance

Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, Phil Olson, Gary Osborne, Nick Pruc, Ken Strysick.



## FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

It is always nice to have good content for the newsletter! Thanks to Tom O'Donnell and Ron Blum for arranging events. Thanks also to Gary Osborne and President Scott for contributions.

We hope that a few more members decide to go on the overnighter to Auburn at the end of the month. Ken may be a bit hobbled after knee surgery, but he is going! Carolyn will be having a ball that week at her favorite event these days, Cookie Con in Orlando.



Carolyn, Ken, Erica, Eric, Cheryl

We had a special treat this month when Eric & Cheryl Kozmic and daughter Erica spent a few days visiting all the way from South Carolina. In addition to hitting some of our favorite restaurants, we were able to take in a Cubs game. While we were walking near Wrigley Field looking for lunch and maybe a watering hole, Eric and Cheryl spotted a world-famous "Tiny Wheel." Cheryl spun the wheel and scored 20% off the check for our entire party! It *almost* took the sting off the Cubs' loss - but not quite. Eric was able to pick up his dad's 1937 Ford Coupe neon sign which we had gotten repaired. Here it is at home in Eric's bar. Thanks to Sam Van Bruggen for the lead!



Ken & Carolyn



### 10 Years Ago This Month – June 2016

On June 4, Gary Osborne hosted his first Historic Illinois Pavement tour down Route 66 to Pontiac with 19 members and family and 5 Early V-8's participating. We saw many Route 66 sites, toured various museums, had a great lunch and even met Pontiac Mayor Bob Russell. On June 25, 12 members and 4 Early V-8's joined host John Emmering on a tour to the infamous Crowne Point, Indiana, jail.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – June 2006

On June 6 Tom O'Donnell hosted a driving tour to the Historic Auto Attractions Museum in Roscoe. Tom led a group of 27 NIRG V-8 members and family in 12 Early V-8s and two other Ford classics on a leisurely drive over secondary roads toward Roscoe. Along the way the group was met by five members of the Rockford Regional Group in four Early V-8s. Ken & Carolyn Bounds were the only members to attend the rain-altered Algonquin Hill Climb in their '36 Roadster on June 10.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – June 1996

On June 5 Ken Bounds led a group of 10 Early V-8s to the Central National Meet in St. Louis while Tom O'Donnell led another group of 5 cars. In all, 20 NIRG members showed 17 cars at the meet; 13 came home with trophies. On the way home, several members participated in the annual Route 66 Motor Tour.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – June 1986

The June Road Chatter included the "next-to-the-last" progress report on the 1986 Central National Meet by Chairman Marty Duling. Registrations were near 150 (185 by the June 10 meeting!) and most of the rooms at Pheasant Run had been booked. On June 13, the Vinyards hosted a National Meet Committee meeting.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – June 1976

On June 13, Bill and Susan Simms hosted a picnic and tour to the EAA Air Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Ten NIRG families in several Early V-8s toured to Whitnall Park in Greendale, Wisconsin, where they were met by six members of the Badger State Group. In all, 12 Early V-8s were in the parking lots at the picnic grounds and the museum, where everyone had a great time.

### Flathead Flashback

**Carolyn seems thrilled with the cornering abilities of the '36 Roadster at the June 10, 2006 Algonquin Hill Climb.**



**NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR**

May	June	July	August
2 Tour to United Remanufacturing, Schiller Park 14 Board Meeting 16 Duals Night, Culvers, Buffalo Grove 19 Member Meeting	11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 27 Flathead Reunion, Auburn, Indiana	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 25 Duals Night, Culvers, St. Charles	2 Annual Picnic 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting
September	October	November	December
10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	No Meetings



**Happy Father's Day, June 21st,  
to all our V-8 Dads**

**Welcome New Member**

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Phil Olson and Denise Savone of Palatine. They also joined the National club in April.

Phil just recently acquired a 1951 Ford Country Squire Station Wagon to join his fleet of antique vehicles. Phil and Denise have already attended a couple of club events and meetings. We hope to see that '51 on the road soon. Welcome!

**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), & ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**

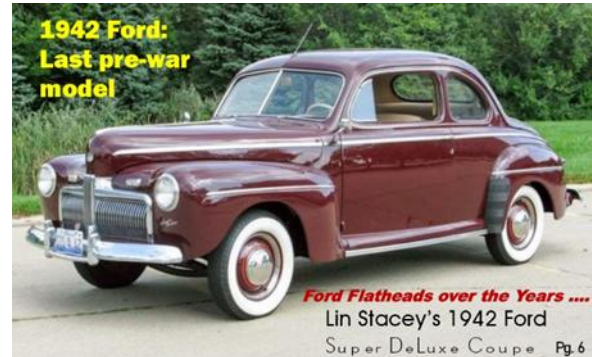
**THOMAS & JUDY MYERS (6/8), DICK & LINDA LIVINGSTON (6/12),  
RICK & MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/15), SAM & JANIS DIX (6/18),  
& RON & COLLEEN STECK (6/24)**



**AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND  
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.**



## Vehicles For Sale



### 1942 Ford Sedan Coupe Model 72B

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## Other Items For Sale

**1928-1953 V8 Tools:** Entire inventory of Lin Stacey's "Old Ford Tools" business. Over 2,500 tools for meet display. Approximately 800 are restored. Contact Pat Stacey for details and pricing of this collection. 630-308-6081 [phstacey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phstacey@sbcglobal.net)

Pressure pot for sandblaster, Wood stove - not pot belly. Call George Zulas at 630-362-4120.

Engine stand with V-8 adapter - pick up only - Contact Tom O'Donnell at 847-991-6976.

The following items are offered by Roger Obecný, 708-772-1926 for price shown or best offer: **1940 Ford Radiator** \$400 re-core about 6 years old modern style radiator cap \$200, **1940 Ford Fender Skirts** Nice Shape \$350, **1940 Ford Rear Gravel Deflector** \$215 new \$ 175, **three 1939 Ford 3-speed** transmissions - one needs rebuild, one is broke, one is used condition unknown - \$200 each, **spring spreader** for transverse springs \$125.

**The Items Below are Offered by Ray McMahon 630-853-6832:**

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**.

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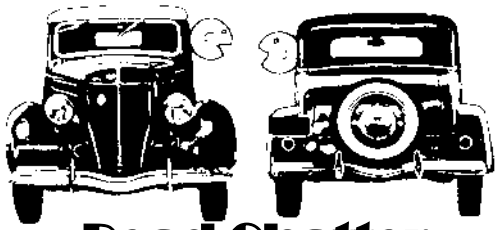
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### **Wanted**

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

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## **Road Chatter**

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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our Group on the United Carburetor Remanufacturing Tour**  
**Tom Myers' 1945 Pickup Foreground**