

ROAD CHATTER

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

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May 2026

UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

May 2 - Tour to United Remanufacturing. See page 3.

May 14 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

May 16 - Duals Night, Culver's - Buffalo Grove. See page 3.

May 19 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

May 10 - Happy Mothers Day to all moms!

May 16 - 61st Annual "Little Hershey" Swap Meet & Cruise In, Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL. Admission \$10.

May 25 - 54th Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet, Sandwich Fairgrounds, 6 am - 3 pm, \$8 admission, show cars \$15.

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Memorial Day, May 25

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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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

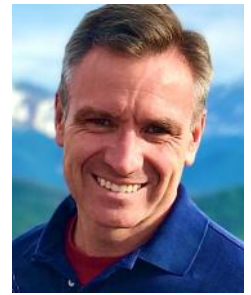
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to May. Hopefully you've been able to squeeze in a ride or two in your Early V-8 between the rain showers. We got a chance to take the '41 Convertible out and she ran beautifully.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Ron Dopke. He was a very longtime member of our regional group and an active participant in many of the club's activities. We will miss him, and our prayers go out to his family.



We had a busy April. First, I would like to thank Dawn and George Zulas for planning our Eggs & Eights on April 11th at Mr. A's Restaurant where we had a good turnout and the group really enjoyed the nice breakfast. Next, during our monthly meeting, Ciena and I walked the group through our continuing restoration of my '69 Mustang's body. I think everyone was amazed (including myself) at how much work is needed, despite how much newer this car is than our early Fords. Apparently, the Chicago winters were not nice early in its life. Lastly, I thank Gary Osborne for organizing a tour to member Sam Van Bruggen's business, Van Bruggen Signs. It was really nice of Sam to open his business up to our group and members had a great experience.



As we look to May, we have an exciting month planned. In addition to our normal monthly meeting on May 2nd, Tom O'Donnell will be hosting a joint tour with the Lincoln club to the United Remanufacturing Company in Schiller Park, where they remanufacture carburetors, followed by brunch. Also, on May 16, Ron Blum will be hosting a Duals Night at Culvers in Buffalo Grove.

Before I sign off, I wanted to share some exciting news. For those of you who saw Ciena's Fiat at the Geneva Concours last August, she'll be hitting the concours circuit again this summer. She's been invited to show her car at the Concours d' Elegance at Copshaholm on Saturday, July 11th in South Bend, Indiana. The concours is hosted by the Studebaker National Museum and this year's classes include the Pontiac GTO; finned automobiles from the '50s and '60s; motorcars of the Lincoln Highway; and coachbuilt classics. (Ciena will be featured in the European economy class.) If you're interested in learning more about the concours, check out concoursatcopshaholm.org.

I hope to see you at this month's events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tour to United Remanufacturing Company 9550 Soreng Avenue - Schiller Park, Illinois 9:00 AM May 2, 2026

United Remanufacturing was started in 1948 in Chicago by Robert Portman and members of his family. They remanufactured carburetors for local and national repair shop use. As their reputation for quality spread, their business grew from their garage to a factory on Lawrence Ave. in Chicago. The business continued to grow and in 1979 they built a new factory in Schiller Park, Illinois. They now rebuild carburetors for most cars and fuel injection components for the more modern cars. They are still family owned and operated. Their quality is still a strong point and they supply rebuilt components to major automotive parts retailers. They will rebuild your core or sell you one of their rebuilt cores.

We will be touring the facility on Saturday, May 2, at 9:00 AM. The guided tour will last about 30 minutes. We will be shown the steps taken to rebuild carburetors and fuel injection parts. During the tour the owner has requested that all tour members stay together, no stragglers will be allowed, and no photos or videos will be allowed. We are the first antique car owners to tour this facility and the officers of the clubs want to make a good impression on the owner.

After the tour, we will drive to a local restaurant for brunch, conversation and weather permitting, some tire kicking.

This opportunity will be a joint tour with the Lake Shore Region of the LCOC and the Northern Illinois Regional Group of the EFV-8 Club. It is limited to 10 people from each organization. Note: RSVP was required to taodonnell@yahoo.com or 847-991-6976 bt **April 15, 2026**; any unfilled spaces will be on a first-com first-served basis.

This will be a nice opportunity to give your car an outing. So go out in the garage and dust it off, check the air in the tires, make sure that you have a full tank of gas and be ready for an enjoyable spring day ride, with a bonus of meeting with fellow club members.

Fire Up Your Early V-8 and Join Your Friends

“Duals Night” at Culver’s



When: Saturday, May 16 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Culver’s, 450 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove

Hosted By: Ron & Arlene Blum



Culver’s is located on the west side of Route 83 (McHenry Rd) ¼ mile SE of Buffalo Grove Rd, ½ mile north of Lake-Cook Rd. Enter via Cherbourg Drive just north of Culver’s.

You can come early if you like. Bring your V-8, but modern iron is welcome. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs - there will be plenty of time for tire kicking and conversation in the parking lot. At some point we will go inside for food and maybe some ice cream. Who knows: Ron may even bring some coupons.

Highlights of the Van Bruggen Signs Tour

By Gary Osborne

Last summer at our Central National Meet many people commented on the signage that our NIRG had displayed all throughout the event area. The signs were all beautifully and professionally made by our own Sam Van Bruggen's family business, Van Bruggen Signs. I thought it would be fun to learn how some of those signs were made. So, I inquired of Sam if our club could have a tour of his company. Sam was more than happy to help me put a tour together for the next year. Earlier this year I contacted Sam about possible dates for the tour, and we agreed on April 25th.

As I write this today, I just got back from the tour. What a great time we all had learning a little about the sign making business. Let me back up a little to tell you how our tour started. Several of us gathered with modern vehicles in Oakbrook Center to begin. They were: John and Este Scheve, Ron Steck, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Ron Blum, Pat Maroney, and Phil Olson (he plans to join our club this week). Driving in classic cars were Ken Bounds in his 1950 Custom Deluxe Convertible and Dan Pudelek in his 1950 Crestliner. The actual driving portion of the tour was a short 19 mile preplanned drive to Van Bruggen Signs in Orland Park. We all arrived safely at our destination.

Upon arriving we were met by Roger Obecny and friend Mason in his 1963 Buick Electra and Mike Heatherly in his 1947 Coupe. Also to greet us were Sam and Nina Van Bruggen, Sam's brother Joel, and friend Mike. Sam displayed his 1940 Standard Coupe, 1915 Model T Touring, and his 1927 Model A Pickup. Joel displayed his 1932 Tudor Sedan Hot Rod.

Our gracious hosts Sam and Nina began our tour with coffee and donuts, then proceeded right into a timeline of history about the generations of family members who have been involved with the company. There were quite a few because the company is 101 years old! There were charts on the walls with pictures of many people down through the decades that contributed to its success. There was a layout table decorated with



Lineup of Early Fords



Sam shows the company timeline



Our group arrives at Van Bruggen Signs

receipts, orders, and other documents going all the way back to 1923. They have a legacy that goes way back, and part of that is their belief that they want their business to honor God in all manner. Being faithful to God is foundational to their model for life and for business. Sam took us through each area in multiple buildings to show us the art of sign making. There were so many complicated machines that I lost count. He explained that this is not like the old days of a board and a paint brush. These were highly technical machines that involved a lot of precision. Of course; each type of sign is custom made to suit the customer's needs. They can handle everything from design, production, and installation.

During our tour both Sam and Joel demonstrated several operations for us including vinyl application, CNC cutting, riveting, lighting, and edging shaping/cutting. The last room that we went into had a table filled with beautiful Ford V8 coasters that were made in the shop and everyone on the tour was allowed to take one home as a gift. A very nice way to end this part of the tour.

For the last part of the tour most of our group headed over to The Patio restaurant in Darien for a nice lunch. I believe all of us who took this tour to Van Bruggen Signs really had a wonderful time to kick off our clubs' touring together season. See you down the road!



Part of the Van Bruggen Signs fleet



Some of the "tour gifts" generously provided by Sam



These vinyl-printed logos were the beginnings of a meticulous project to create some neat signs



Sam shows some of the intricate steps in crating a huge sign for a new housing community

Note from National Chief Judge: Sam generously provided meet-logo Coroplast sheets for chassis judges at several National Meets. These have become collectors' items. We thank Sam for his support.

Eggs & Eights Breakfast By Ken Bounds

On April 11, Dawn and Geroge Zulas hosted an Eggs & Eights breakfast on a beautiful spring morning at Mr. A's restaurant in Roselle. We thank Dawn for making all the arrangements for a fun event. With the very nice weather there were several Early V-8s in the parking lot - unfortunately we forgot to get any photos of them.

We had the special thrill of meeting new members Bob & Elaine Jans who drove their 1949 Ford F-1 Pickup. Also in attendance were Ken & Carolyn Bounds - 1950 Ford Convertible, Mike Heatherly - 1947 Coupe, John Judge, Pat & Dee Maroney - 1950 Convertible, Rusty Medlin, Gary & Dawn Osborne, and Dan Pudelek - 1950 Crestliner.

We had plenty of time for visiting and getting to know our new members - we hope to see them soon at more events. Our attentive waitress kept our coffee cups filled before taking our orders. The food came out very quickly and everyone really enjoyed the large portions - a number of "to go" boxes were seen. We had a good time sharing V-8 camaraderie. As we were leaving, several went out to take a look at Bob's newly-acquired F-1 Pickup. It has been nicely restored with a gorgeous paint job. We look forward to seeing it at many club events.



Our Hosts - George & Dawn



Bob & Elaine and John



Mike, Rusty, and Dan



Dee & Pat



Dawn & Gary



Ken & Carolyn



Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Ken & Cynda Stryssick of Lindenhurst. They also joined the National club in March.

Bob and Cynda have a 1949 Ford F-1 Pickup - this seems to be a common acquisition these days! We hope to see Ken and Cynda and their pickup at many upcoming events.

V-8 Gals

A Mother's Day History....

In the U.S. Mothers' Day is a holiday celebrated on second Sunday in May. It is a day when children honor their mothers with cards, gifts, and flowers. First observance in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1907, it is based on suggestions by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 and Anna Jarvis in 1907.

Although it wasn't celebrated in the U.S. until 1908, there were days honoring mothers even in the days of ancient Greece. In those days, however, it was Rhea, the Mother of the gods that was given honor.

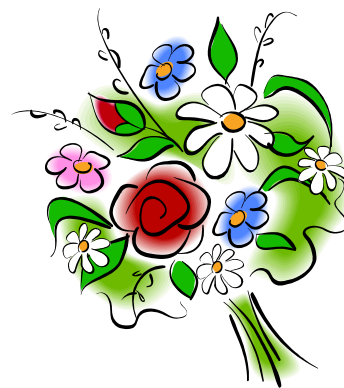
Later, in the 1600's, in England there was an annual observance called "Mothering Sunday." It was celebrated during Lent, on the fourth Sunday. On Mothering Sunday, the servants, who generally lived with their employers, were encouraged to return home and honor their mothers. It was traditional for them to bring a special cake along to celebrate the occasion.

In the U.S., in 1908 Ana Jarvis, from Grafton, West Virginia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the anniversary of her mother's death. A memorial service was held there on May 10, 1908 and in Philadelphia the following year where Jarvis moved.

Jarvis and others began a letter-writing campaign to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. They were successful. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day a national observance that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

Many other countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year. Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, as in the U.S.

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Memorial Service for Gladys Duzell

We informed you earlier that long-time member Gladys passed away on February 8th, 2026, at the age of 96. A Memorial Service will be held on May 28th 2026, 11:00 am at St. Peter Lutheran Church located at 111 W. Olive Street, Arlington Heights. There will be a luncheon afterwards at Jameson's Charhouse at 1331 West Dundee Road, Arlington Heights. If you want to attend the luncheon please RSVP by calling Lana at 219-508-0247.



Passing of Legend • Ron Dopke January 14, 1934 - April 8, 2026



Ron was our longest-standing member, joining our regional group at the Christmas Party in our first year, 1967. Ron was a true leader in motivating our club in the early years and edited our newsletter, then called "The Newsletter," from the inaugural issue in 1969 through May 1978. Ron was named a life member for his years of producing the newsletter. Ron also served as our club secretary in 2004 then went on to lead us as group President in 2005 and 2006.

When the first ever Grand National Meet to be held in Dearborn in 1973 was announced, Ron was instrumental in encouraging our members to spend months getting their Early V-8s prepared for the trip - at the time considered quite the adventure.

Ron had a number of beautiful Early V-8s over the years, but he always held on to his beloved 1940 Ford Standard Tudor Sedan.

When Ron was editing the newsletter, he had an idea to ask members to submit stories about their Early V-8s - how did you acquire it, what have you done with it, etc. He badgered all of our members for input, but Ron himself was one of the first to submit an article which was about his 1940 Tudor. We have reprinted the article on the following page.

Being concerned about the lack of attendance at club events is not new. Reprinted below is a hilarious couple of paragraphs Ron wrote in the January 1971 newsletter reporting on the 1970 Christmas party to shame members for the low turnout:

"Even though the number of members able to attend the party was somewhat disappointing, those of us there had a really fine time.

"The real highlight of the party was an unbelievable visit by Don Rickles, the celebrated acid tongued comic. It seems he was appearing in Chicago the week of our party and was staying at the Park Ridge Inn because the manager is an old army buddy. Can you imagine our surprise and absolute delight when Don Rickles was introduced at our party as a favor to John Sarena. Then the fun really began. Rickles started to cut up for the next 20 or 30 minutes, using as a target anything or anyone that came to his brilliant mind. His funniest story was probably the one about Johnny Carson, host of the NBC night show. "Johnny", says Rickles, "Makes \$50 million a year but his parents are sitting on the front porch back in Nebraska sewing holes in their clothes while his sister is working in a waffle house in Poughkeepsie". At the close of his routine, Rickles had a round of champagne served to everyone. Quite a night."

Of course, this never happened. Ron was an active member throughout the years and recently was a regular on our annual Poker Rally with his friend Bernice. Ron will be greatly missed.



Ron with the winning hand at the 2022 Poker Rally

This Article Written by Ron Dopke Appeared in the May 1974 Issue of "The Newsletter"

In May of 1967, I had driven to St. Paul, Minnesota on a business trip. Having completed my business, I started home and was driving down U.S. 12 thru West St. Paul when I saw her. Standing on the corner of the Standard Oil Station at Ruth St. was the sharpest, blackest '40 Tudor Standard Sedan I had seen in years. After relishing the beauty before me, I noticed there weren't any "For Sale" signs. I assumed she wasn't for sale and continued home.

For weeks I kept kicking myself for not stopping to talk to the owner or at least find out who owned it. Was it for sale? Had I passed up a real opportunity to buy a very original '40? I should explain that while I'm partial to Ford products of most vintages, my first car, as a 17 year old high school junior, was a black '40 Standard Tudor Sedan.

Soon it was June and my family was planning a week's vacation. We had recently acquired some camping equipment so camping seemed the thing to do. We decided to go to Merrick State Park in Wisconsin. The park is on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River, 25 miles north of La Crosse and almost directly across the river from Winona, Minnesota in the beautiful Hiawatha Valley. "God's Country" as Old Style says.

After camping a few days, I suggested we take a drive to see some of the countryside. Somehow, for an unexplainable reason, we headed for West St. Paul. She was still sitting where I first saw her. My wife was saying something about "you knew where you were going all along" but I didn't pay much attention to her.

I spoke to the gas station owner who as it turned out, had purchased the car in May from the original owner. The original owner was a customer of his, an 80 year old farmer who had had his driver's license revoked. We gassed a bit when I nonchalantly asked if she was for sale. To my delight he said she might be for the right price.

It developed in our conversation that he owned a Palomino horse and wanted to buy an expensive saddle but was short several hundred dollars. While he didn't want to sell the Ford, he did want the saddle. I gave the car a good look and she was cleaner and more original than I'd hoped. I was prepared to pay six or seven hundred if necessary so you can imagine how pleased I was when he named his price: "\$425.00 and not a nickel less."



I offered a deposit so he'd hold the car for me until I could pick it up the following weekend. He assured me I could drive her home, 450 miles! After test driving her, I believed him. Thus, the following Saturday, I showed up with \$425 cash (he wouldn't take a deposit) and claimed my prize. (NOTE: With inflation and the appreciation that old cars have experienced, a good parts car is hard to find at that price.)

Ron Dopke

APRIL 21 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday welcomed everyone promptly at 7:30 pm to begin the meeting. There were 13 members in attendance and 1 guest. Our guest was Bob Fields. He is an avid car collector and was there to see what our club was all about.

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that we are at 55 members, with several recently joining; Bob and Elaine Jans, and Ken and Cynda Strynick. Looking forward to seeing them at future events.

National Club Report

There are two National Driving Tours lined up this year: Peaks and Prairies Tour on August 2-7 in Montana/Wyoming, and Amish Country Tour on August 24-28 in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Look in the V-8 Times or the national website for more info.

There will be a National Meet in Williamsburg, Virginia in 2027.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum gave this report: revenues of \$198 from dues and the pizza meeting. Expenses were \$346.18 for Road Chatter, ZOOM contract, and the pizza meeting.

Health and Welfare Report

Dawn Zulas and others reported these concerns: Ron Dopke's wake and funeral is on April 23rd and 24th. Gladys Duzell's memorial service is May 28th.

Ken Bounds to have eye surgery at the end of April, and knee surgery in June.

John Scheve is having some difficulty with the healing process of his recent back surgery.

We know there are many more that are having health concerns. Maybe take a little time to say a prayer for those that you know about, or even send a card or make a phone call. It will make their day.

Previous Events

Several that attended the Pizza Meeting last month said they had a great time. The pizza was good, and plenty of it. Everyone enjoyed catching up on things.

Dawn Zulas said the Eggs and Eights held earlier in the month was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the food (and lots of it!). That was our first time there, and it turned out well.

Upcoming Events

- April 25 - Van Bruggen Signs Tour - 9:00 am
- May 2 - Tour to United Remanufacturing in Schiller Park - 9:00 am
- May 16 - Duals Night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove - 5:00 pm
- June 20 - Drive Your V-8 Day - tour plans to be determined
- July 25 - Duals Night at Culvers in St. Charles - 5:00 pm

APRIL 21 MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Additional Items

After a short break with donuts and coffee supplied by Jay Hinshaw, we had an update about Scott Gilday's Mustang restoration. Scott had many, many, many slides to talk about what has been done to the car. Ciena Gilday kept him in line with the allotted time frame for the presentation. It was a very detailed and informative Tech Talk that reminded us all how much work goes into a proper restoration.

The last event was the 50/50 Raffle in which our guest Bob Fields very excitedly took home an extra \$24.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Nick Pruc, George Zulas, Dawn Zulas, and guest Bob Fields.



There was a rumor that Ciena drove her Fiat to the meeting
Don't tell Nicole



FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

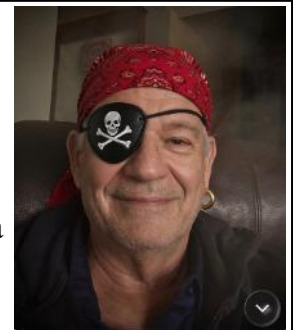
I'm sure you will find some errors in this issue as I put much of it together with an eye patch on my left eye after surgery this week - see picture. The surgery went well, so I have a few weeks to enjoy before knee surgery in June.

We thank everyone for their contributions in setting up tours and sending in information and photos for the Road Chatter. Thanks also to Scott and Ciena for a super presentation at the April monthly meeting.

We had the terrible news this month with the passing of our longest serving member, Ron Dopke. I hope you enjoy the memories on pages 8 & 9.

Something to consider! Friend of the club Steve Kronen, President of the Northern Ohio Regional Group, would like to explore any interest in our groups getting together again at an event in Auburn. The Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum is hosting a Flatheads Forever Reunion on Saturday, June 27. They plan a large car show and a day of activities. Steve has already saved a block of rooms at \$90 at the new Best Western for Friday and Saturday nights. Since there are no national meets this year, this sounds like a lot of fun.

Please let me know if you are interested as Steve would like to gauge our participation soon.



Ken & Carolyn



10 Years Ago This Month – May 2016

About twenty members joined together for breakfast on a beautiful spring day anticipating the enjoyable activity that hosts George and Dawn Zulas planned. Members delighted in breakfast at Mr. A's, one of Roselle's newest eateries and went on to tour the Fox River Trolley Museum.

20 Years Ago This Month – May 2006

The May Road Chatter contained a reprint of a December 1968 *Rod & Custom* article covering the 1968 Western National Meet in Lake Tahoe. That issue also welcomed new members Jim & Karen Prickett. On May 28, several members attended the 35th Annual AACA Silver Springs car show in Sandwich; new engines in the cars of Joe Kozmic, Joey Novak, and Ken Bounds ran great.

30 Years Ago This Month – May 1996

On May 19 Bud Guzzo hosted a tour to the Hartford Heritage Auto Museum in Hartford, Wisconsin. George Cech led the group of club members driving four Early V-8s and several other classics about 80 miles from Lindenhurst to Hartford. After visiting the museum, the group had lunch at the Mineshaft restaurant. At the May 21 monthly meeting, Lloyd Duzell presented a tech talk on metal finishing.

40 Years Ago This Month – May 1986

The May Road Chatter contained a detailed progress report on the Central National Meet by Chairman Marty Duling. Registrations had passed 100 (132 by the May 13 monthly meeting). Marty announced that the authors of *The Early Ford V-8 as Henry Built It*, Ed Francis and George DeAngelis, would be presenting a seminar at the meet. At the May 13 monthly meeting, Chester Lawrence gave a tech talk about Early Ford V-8 timing adjustments.

50 Years Ago This Month – May 1976

Over 40 members and family attended a short business meeting on May 11, followed by a tour of Ed Sackley's garage. On May 23, Don & Elaine Braun hosted a great turnout of 63 V-8 members and family at a picnic at Pheasant Valley Hunt Club in Kenosha. Among the Early V-8s was Chester Lawrence's just-restored '40 Convertible.

Flathead Flashback

This photo was taken at the May 28, 2006 Sandwich car show. Unfortunately, the identification of the individuals in the picture has been lost.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>May 2 Tour to United Remanufacturing, Schiller Park 14 Board Meeting 16 Duals Night, Culvers, Buffalo Grove 19 Member Meeting</p>	<p>June 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 20 Drive Your V-8 Day, Route 66 Tour</p>	<p>July 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 25 Duals Night, Culvers, St. Charles</p>	<p>August 2 Annual Picnic 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>
<p>September 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>



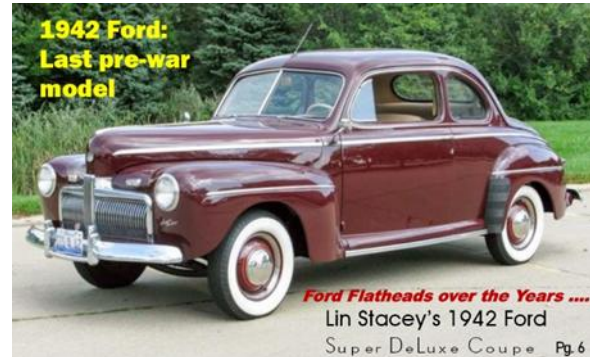
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
 STAN STACK (5/2), DICK LIVINGSTON (5/5), DAWN ZULAS (5/8),
 GRACE MOHAWK (5/9), RAY MCMAHON (5/14),
 CAROLINE MIRELES (5/14), FRANK KOEDER (5/18),
 IRENE VINYARD (5/18), GARY OSBORNE (5/20)
 & CYNDA STRYSICK (5/25)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
 SCOTT & NICOLE GILDAY (5/6), BOB & PATTI MURPHY (5/20),
 SAM & NINA VAN BRUGGEN (5/24),
 & JOHN & ROBIN EMMERING (5/31)**



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

Vehicles For Sale



1942 Ford Sedan Coupe Model 72B

Two Door, 5 Window, Moselle Maroon Color Dearborn Award Winner, Dearborn Medallion, & Dearborn Emeritus

Only 6,300 miles!

Rebuilt by Lin Stacey, V-8 Technical Advisor for 28 years

Asking \$28,000 (car is in Illinois)

Email: phstacey@sbcglobal.net Phone: 630-308-6081

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

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 Obecny, 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.**

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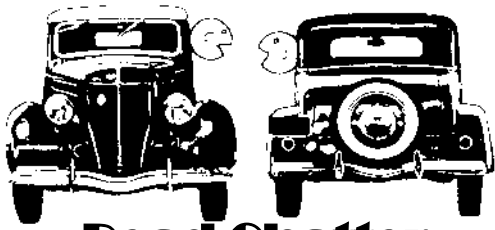
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