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November 2026

Upcoming NIRG Events

November 10 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm. **Note special date!**

November 11 - V-8s and Veterans Lunch, see page 2.

November 12 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

November 15 - MARC turkey dinner, Elburn.

Other Events of Interest

November 1 - Daylight Saving Time ends - remember to set your clocks back.

November 11 - A day to say "Thank You" to the veterans in our lives.

November 26 - Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families.

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Back Cover – Eric & Cheryl Kozmic, and Carolyn & Ken Bounds at the Fall For Greenville Festival in Greenville, South Carolina.





Elections will be held at the **November 10** meeting. There will be another round of nominations to ensure that we have a full slate of officers for 2027. We need you to come to the meeting and cast your vote for our club's future. We will also have our traditional November turkey drawing for t**hree $25 cash prizes**! Plan to attend.

2026 OFFICERS

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Scott Gilday
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Tour Chairman
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Ciena Gilday
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Este Scheve
George Zulas

MEETINGS

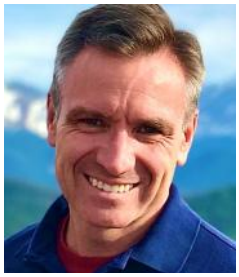
7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Hello again,

Welcome to November and election month. As you likely already know, we'll be holding our officer elections this month, so please make every effort to attend our monthly meeting, which will be on Tuesday, November 10th (a week earlier than usual). Not only is your vote needed to support those who've already been nominated, but it's not too late to nominate additional candidates.

First, I would like to thank Ciena Gilday for hosting our Fall colors tour through the scenic northwest suburban Barrington area, and Nicole Gilday for putting together a nice lunch for us at our barn, with the help of other members. This was the easiest tour "I" ever ran, and everyone had a great time.

Looking forward to November, in addition to our Monthly Member Meeting, Este and John Scheve will be hosting our annual Veteran's Day lunch at The Patio in Lombard, on Wednesday the 11th. This is a great chance to spend some time with fellow V-8ers and support our veterans.

Last month, Nicole and I visited Reese at college in Ithaca, NY, and we had a great time with her. Here are some of the pictures.





I look forward to seeing you this month at our club events!







Upcoming Events



Veteran's Day Lunch

On The Actual Day of Celebration!

November 11, 2026 at 11:30am

The Patio BBQ Restaurant will be the location for another great event to support the Veterans in our life! Join us for lunch.

2780 S. Highland Ave, Lombard, IL

Off 355 at Butterfield

Questions? Call Este Scheve 630.420.0029



12th Annual Turkey Dinner

Hosted By

The Illinois Region Model A Restorers Club

Elburn Lions Community Park

500 Filmore Street – Elburn, IL 60119

November 15, 2026 – 12:00 PM

Please Note - RSVP was required by October 30

Reserve this Date!

The annual Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 6 at 11:00 am at Venuti's Italian Restaurant and Banquet Hall. Venuti's is at 2251 W Lake Street in Addison, just 1/2 mile west of the Lake Street exit off I-355. Please RSVP to Dawn Zulas if you plan to attend.

Fall Colors Driving Tour
By Scott Gilday

On Saturday, October 24th, Ciena, Nicole and I hosted this year's Fall Colors tour in the Barrington area of the Northwest Suburbs, although my role was mostly limited to taking a scenic drive in the country – Ciena and Nicole did the heavy lifting. We had a great turnout for the day, including Sam and Jan Dix (47 Ford Convertible), Dan and Diane Pudelek (50 Ford Crestliner), Ken Bounds (50 Ford Crestliner), Pat and Dee Maroney (50 Ford Convertible), Jay Hinshaw and his sons (40 Ford Standard), John and Este Scheve (47 Ford Coupe), Scott, Nicole and Ciena Gilday (41 Ford Convertible), Tim and Melissa Nolan (early '70s Buick Skylark), George and Dawn Zulas, Ron and Arlene Blum, Terry Elliott, Gary Osborne, Mike Heatherly and Ron Steck.





Some of our Early V-8's, ready to go



Our tour leader, Ciena meets her dad in his '41, top down



Lineup of V-8's on the road

We started by meeting at a church in Barrington, where we got to enjoy Spunky Dunker donuts that Tom O'Donnell was nice enough to provide, even though he had to miss the tour. So, no one left on an empty stomach. Ciena started the tour by rustling us up and leading our 16 cars south down scenic Brinker Road. It was a beautiful warm and sunny fall day, and we enjoyed roughly 20 miles of scenic driving through the countryside and horse farms, going up and down hills and seeing some very pretty homes. Everyone we passed was excited to see all the old cars, and even we got a thumbs-up from two people riding their horses as they crossed in front of us.

The driving portion of the tour ended around lunch time as Ciena led us back to our barn and Nicole got us all parked. Nicole took care of us well by laying out a course of cheese, salami and





Lineup of V-8's arriving at the Gilday barn



On the road



The group enjoying lunch and V-8 fun

crackers while we all got settled in and began to kick the tires. I shared updates on a couple of my projects, including my 69 Mustang restoration and my 41 Ford flathead motor build. Unfortunately, despite my efforts, I was unable to get anyone to pick up a wrench or fire up a welder to help me get them finished. I'll have to try harder next time or perhaps offer more beer!



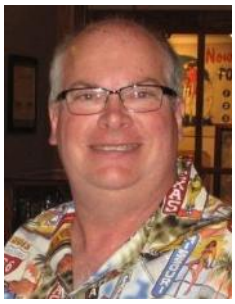
Scott and Nicole at the end of a long day - our tour leader Ciena had gone into the house to work on college applications

We then enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches, sides, chips and dessert. Nicole provided a wonderful spread of food, including a pasta salad and brownies she made. In addition to this, Jan and Sam brought a tasty bean dip, and Dawn and George brought chocolate chip cookies and bottles of wine from Lynfred Winery. Everything was wonderful, and the wine was a very nice surprise. Hopefully we'll see a Lynfred Winery tour sometime in the near future.

All and all, I think everyone had a great time, and we look forward to having people over again!

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne



President Scott Gilday welcomed all the members as they took their seats to start the meeting. There was a full agenda of items to take care of, so he got right into the business portion of the meeting.

This is the month that the Club holds nominations for next years' officers. Next month they are voted on by the membership in attendance. The nominations are as follows: President - Scott Gilday, Treasurer - Ron Blum, Secretary - Gary Osborne, Board of Directors - Ken Bounds, Ciena Gilday, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Mike Heatherly, Este Scheve, and George Zulas. Nominations are still open until the next Club Meeting.

Membership Report

Ken Bounds reported that we currently have 58 members in the club. It is also time to renew your membership. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as you can.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds reported that the 2027 Eastern National Meet is still on schedule for June 20-25, 2027 in Williamsburg, Virginia. Early registration is now available on the National Club website with the full package coming out in the next couple of months.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum gave this financial report: Revenues of $25 from the 50/50 raffle, and expenses of $25 for the Road Chatter.

Health and Welfare Report

Cheryl Kozmic is scheduled to have knee surgery soon. Ron Blum had a shot to help relieve some back and knee pain. Carolyn Bounds' mother had heart surgery and is in recovery. Carolyn spent a week with her.

Previous Events

Ken Bounds reported on the very successful Lake Geneva Poker Rally held last month. It was a very fun time had by all that attended. You can read all about it in the October Road Chatter.

Upcoming Events

- November 11 - Veterans Day Luncheon at The Patio in Lombard - 11:30 AM
- November 15 - Model A Club's Turkey Dinner in Elburn
- December 6 - Christmas Luncheon at Venuti's in Addison - 11:00 AM

Additional Items

We took a short break to enjoy cookies made by Carolyn Bounds, and also more of the Club's picnic cake brought by Este Scheve.



John Scheve presenting his tech talk

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Then there was a presentation from John Scheve about how he rebuilt the front-end suspension on his 1947 Super DeLuxe Coupe. It was very informative and interesting how he performed each step along the way. It was formally tested after being rebuilt on the drive to the Poker Rally.

Then it was time for the 50/50 Raffle in which John Scheve was the lucky winner of $23.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Sam Dix, Scott Gilday, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Rusty Medlin, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Este Scheve, Dawn Zulas, and George Zulas.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds



We had a wonderful trip this month to Simpsonville, South Carolina to visit Eric, Cheryl, and Erica Kozmic. We had a great time going to several neat restaurants and bars and just visiting. We had a perfect day to visit the annual Fall For Greenville festival where the entire downtown is closed off and filled with food and merchandise stands, music stages, and crowds of visitors. We got to visit the cars from the "Joe Kozmic Collection," rode around in the '37 Coupe, and even did some spark plug restoration for the '53 Mercury judging next year.



We continued the tradition of collecting NIRG dues in person. On the left is Erica showing proof of her 2027 dues payment via Zelle. Eric had paid his earlier at a beach some 4,500 miles west.

We would like to thank the Gildays for the spectacular Fall colors tour and the picnic at their barn. Special thanks to Ciena for an outstanding job of not only laying out a terrific low-speed drive through beautiful county, but also for leading our group like a pro.

A reminder that our November meeting is one week early on November 10. Don't miss it. Your vote for officers is important. Plus, please remember that Scott, who still works for a living, has been at the helm for the last four years. Isn't it time for someone to step up and help carry the load?



2027 Dues are Due



A reminder that 2027 dues are due. For those who are "grandfathered in" to receive the printed edition of the *Road Chatter* by mail, dues remain at $25 per year. Members who receive the *Road Chatter* through e-mail only (no paper copy) pay $15 per year. Thanks to the 33 members who have already renewed!.

You should have received a renewal form by e-mail or in your Road Chatter last month. The renewals have been filled out for you. Please check them for any errors or additions and return them with your payment to membership chairman Ken Bounds at the address shown on the form.



10 Years Ago This Month – November 2016

On November 2nd, The Chicago Cubs won the World Series. On November 6, four members attended the MARC Turkey Dinner in Elgin. The tradition of honoring our members who served in the Armed Forces continued Saturday November 12th as 24 NIRG members and friends gathered for the Eleventh Annual V-8s and Veterans Luncheon, held at Sam's of Arlington.

20 Years Ago This Month – November 2006

On November 11, Earl & Gene Heintz and Ken & Carolyn Bounds hosted our first annual V-8s and Veterans luncheon at Sam's of Arlington. Twenty members attended, followed by a tour of the Bob Boesch collection in Grayslake. At the November 21 monthly meeting, new officers elected included President Dan Pudelek, Secretary Mike Heatherly, and Treasurer George Zulas.

30 Years Ago This Month – November 1996

On November 11, Irene & Len Vinyard hosted the Ladies Night Out event at Drury Lane South in Evergreen Park. Twenty-nine members and friends enjoyed dinner and the play *Phantom*. At the November 19 monthly meeting, Dave Kuffel hosted a presentation about Ford memorabilia with eight members bringing items for display and discussion.

40 Years Ago This Month – November 1986

The November Road Chatter contained an article about Joe & Nancy Novak's 1940 Ford Coupe. On November 8, thirty-four members participated in a progressive dinner organized by Irene & Len Vinyard. The night began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvre at the home of Earl & Gene Heintz, continued with the main course of lasagna at either the Neil & Julie McManus residence or the Vinyards, and concluded with calorie-laden desserts at the home of Bob & Angie Paladino.

50 Years Ago This Month – November 1976

The November 9 monthly meeting was held at Gaslight Automotive Restoration Shop in Addison. The attendance by 60 members, family, and guests was an all-time record. At the meeting Howie Bischoff agreed to print a new supply of stationery for the club. Nominations for 1977 officers were held, resulting in two candidates each for President, Vice President, and Treasurer. (We should be so lucky today!)

Flathead Flashback



Part of our group at the inaugural V-8s & Veterans Luncheon - November 11, 2006.

NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

September	October	November	December
10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 25-27 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting 24 Fall Colors Driving Tour/Gilday Garage	10 Member Meeting **Note Special Date** 11 Veteran's Day Luncheon 12 Board Meeting 15 MARC Turkey Dinner, Elgin	No Meetings 14 Christmas Luncheon, Venuti's Addison
January	**February**	**March**	**April**
14 Board Meeting 16 Installation Dinner, TBD 19 Member Meeting	12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	12 Board Meeting 17 Pizza Meeting, TBD	9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
TOM O'DONNELL (11/7),
ESTE SCHEVE (11/7), MIKE HEATHERLY (11/12),
TERRY FREIHAGE (11/17), AND TIM CARLIG (11/27)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Vehicles For Sale



Many of you will recognize this gorgeous 1940 Pickup as Lloyd Duzell's pride and joy. His great niece, Deanna Zolondek, inherited the truck in 2014 but is now ready to let it move on. The truck is with her in North Carolina. It has a Columbia overdrive, had new radial tires put on a few years ago from Diamond Back. Please contact Deanna at 832-659-7439.



This beautiful 1953 Ford Sunliner Convertible is owned by Peggy Ellwood. She states that it is all original and in very good condition. She is selling it since her husband has passed away.

The car is located in Maple Park, which is just west of Elburn. Contact Peggy for pricing and more information at ple63@sbcglobal.net.

Other Items For Sale - Plus See Next Page

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

1940 Ford battery holder with a late model tray for a 12-volt battery. **Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095.**

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

Spring spreader for transverse springs $125 or best offer. **Roger Obecny, 708-772-1925**

The Items Below are Offered by Ray McMahon630-853-6832:

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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Wanted: 47 Ford Coupe interior door handles, 47 Ford front bumper brackets. Radio delete cover, 1941 Ford. **Contact Mike Heatherly at 630-234-5384 or mikeheatherly1926T@gmail.com**

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Photo of the Month
Eric, Cheryl, Carolyn, and Ken
At the Fall For Greenville Festival