

ROAD CHATTER

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

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

January 11 Board of Directors Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm

January 13 Installation Dinner. See Page 3 for details.

January 16 Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm. Special Presentation - Chicago Auto Show highlights - see Page 6 for more information.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

January 10 43rd Annual VCCA Swap Meet (formerly Bill Jacobs Swap Meet), Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone; 8 am - 1 pm. Admission \$5.

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Back Cover – Photo of the Month: Our First Lady Robin and President John Emmering. Photo taken at Eggs & Eights Breakfast last March.



If your dues have not been received by the end of January, this will be your last issue of the Road Chatter and your name will be omitted from the 2018 Roster.

If we have not received your dues, there will be a red notice on the back cover of your Road Chatter saying "Last issue if dues not paid." A membership renewal form is included if you receive the print version of the Road Chatter.

Please review the form, make any corrections or additions, and return it to the Membership Chairman at the address shown on the form.

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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

NEWSLETTER

Send submissions to
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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The big ball has once again dropped in Times Square signaling the start of a new year. For our Northern Illinois Regional Group, 2018 represents the 51st year as a club and it's an honor for me to have the opportunity to serve another term as president. This year we have some new innovations on the way that I hope will be supported with the same willingness and enthusiasm you showed for our Henry, Henry II, and Edsel Ford competition.



Thumbing through our Roster of Members recently I was struck by how large our geographic membership area is. Our members in northern McHenry County and Lake County are an hour and 20 minutes or more from others in Southern Cook or Northern Will Counties. This gave me the idea to divide up once again for a little competition this time along geographic lines to promote camaraderie among members living in close proximity.

Our 2018 program will place our members in four groups based on their geography. The groups will be known as the **Northwest Wheels** from the Northwest Suburbs, **DuPage Deuces** from DuPage County and parts south, **Fox Valley Flatheads** composed of those living in Naperville and along the Fox River, and finally **The Northern Lights** made up of members from the north side of Chicago and northern Suburbs. Each group will have a distinctive logo.

These groups will be able to earn points by conducting an off season local group activity, holding a local social event, sponsoring a full NIRG club event, conducting a tech talk at a members' meeting, attending summer auto events and recruiting new members and getting together to work on or inspect a local member's Ford V-8. Once again the winning team will be honored at a special event in the fall and dine free of charge.

I know that several of you already get together outside of organized club events and enjoy each other's company and technical support. I hope that through this year's competition we can get more of our members likewise involved, getting to know each other better and attracting a few new members along the way. In addition let's place an emphasis on involving members we have not seen for a while and our new members.

For a full rundown on the details of the new contest and to learn your group assignment, be sure to attend our first meeting of the year Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30 pm. The special bonus of the evening will be a great presentation by auto historian Mitch Frumkin on the history of the Chicago AutoShow.

By the way don't miss the Installation Banquet at Suparossa Restaurant Saturday January 13th as we swear in this year's leadership crew. Have a great New Year!

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

2018 Installation Dinner

January 13, 2018



Place: Suparossa Ristorante Italiano
6310 S. Route 53
Woodridge, Illinois

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Social Hour, Antipasti
7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner with wine
8:00 - ????? Program, Door Prizes

Cost: \$40.00 per person - cash bar

Come and spend a fun evening with your V-8 Club friends.

- ♦ Delicious meal served family style, with wine
- ♦ Swearing In of NIRG Officers for 2018
- ♦ Recognition of Service to the NIRG
- ♦ Door Prizes

RSVP date is January 4th. If you want to attend and have not made your reservation, call Este or John Scheve at 630-420-0029 today to reserve your spot.



Note: We have received some really nice door prizes this year! All attending are welcome to donate items for door prizes to add to those received from various vendors and friends of the NIRG.

Christmas Bruch at Cantigny Golf Club

By Este Scheve

Photos by Dawn Zulas

On December 10, 2017, 21 members and friends gathered at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton for a Holiday Brunch. We were treated to a variety of fruit, hot dishes, custom omelets, carved ham, a waffle bar, oatmeal bar, and a variety of cakes and donut holes along with coffee or tea. No complaints of the selection, and everyone seemed to eat for the entire day—not that I watched! There were lots of laughs along with the conversation while visiting old friends.

Those in attendance were: John and Este Scheve, Ron and Colleen Steck, Scott and Nicole Gilday, John Judge, Frank and Phyllis Madrigali, Jim and Harriet Taylor, Ron Dopke and his friend Bernice



Hosts John & Este



Ron & Bernice



Arlene & Ron



Ron & Colleen



Phyllis & Frank

Short, Ron and Arlene Blum, Terry and Kitty Freihage, George and Dawn Zulas, and John and Barbara Slobodnik.



George & Dawn



John J



Terry & Kitty



John & Barb



Jim & Harriet



Nicole & Scott



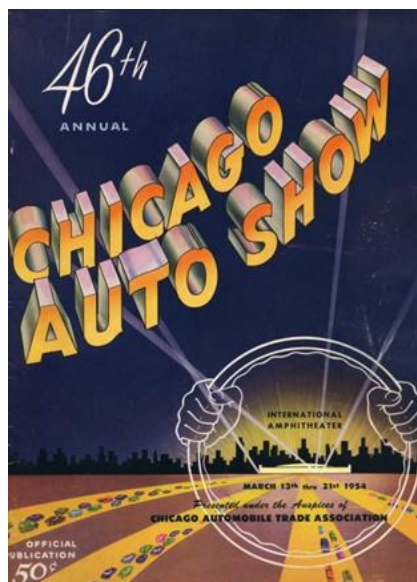
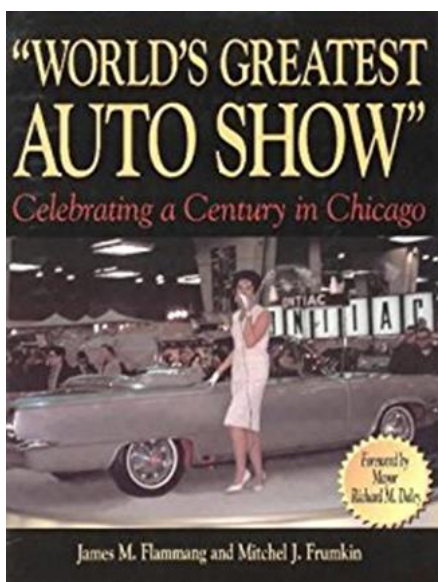
Don't Miss our First Meeting of the Year

Tuesday - January 16, 7:30 pm

Featuring a Video Presentation of

“Chicago Auto Show History Highlights”

Presented by Author and Auto Historian Mitch Frumkin



The “Chicago Auto Show History Highlights” is a 50-minute presentation that will entertain you with a fast paced “cruise” through a visual history of the Chicago Auto Show - from the first official show in 1901 through the most recently held 2017 extravaganza.

The video presentation includes images and film footage of vintage classics, dream cars and concept vehicles, muscle cars, pony cars, super cars, exotic automobiles, alternative fuel vehicles, as well as sports, entertainment and political personalities - all on exhibit at the annual Windy City auto show over the more than one hundred year history.

There will be special offers for those attending our January members meeting and presentation including a taste of Ryba Fudge, the official confection of the auto show, as well as a chance to win pairs of tickets for the 2018 Chicago Auto Show.



Save The Dates
7th Annual Great Lakes Rendezvous
August 2 – 4, 2018

Host Hotel: Doubletree Hotel - Westlake, Ohio
Early Ford V-8 Rate: \$109.00 per Room Including Full Breakfast
Call the Hotel for Reservations 440-871-6000

Watch the Road Chatter for More Information

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

As we kick off our 51st year as a Regional Group, we look forward to many fun events. President Emmering has a fun new competition intended to promote participation and camaraderie - we look forward to it.

There is only one National Meet this year, the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. It promises to be a fun time with more than a dozen already registered from our regional group. As you probably know, we are handling



registration for the meet. Forms are available on the meet web-

site, 2018gnm.com. Be sure to ask us if you have any questions. If you have an interest in judging, we are planning to have a judging seminar in the spring.

Here's a teaser: we have it on good authority that Gary Osborne is making great progress on his '32 Roadster restoration project. He is planning to have it judged at the meet. We are anxious to see the outcome and know there is quite a story to tell about this car when it is finished. Thanks to Ron Steck for the sneak preview photo.



Ken & Carolyn



10 Years Ago This Month – January 2008

The January Road Chatter included a story about Earl & Gene Heintz's "Anniversary Car," their 1951 Mercury. Dan & Diane Pudelek hosted the Annual Installation Dinner January 12 at Finley's Grill Room in Downers Grove with 41 members and guests in attendance.

20 Years Ago This Month – January 1998

The first female NIRG President, Phyllis Witthoeft, received the gavel from President Dick Alfini at the January 10 Installation Dinner, hosted by VP Dan Pudelek and attended by 48 members, family, and friends. At the January 20 meeting the NIRG welcomed back returning members Ron & Edie Vaughan.

30 Years Ago This Month – January 1988

The January Road Chatter included a sheet soliciting tour ideas and tech talk ideas for 1988. Members were urged to fill out the sheets and bring their ideas to the January 12 monthly meeting. A behind-the-scenes deal took place at the meeting when Marty Duling, who was to take over as secretary, agreed to be tour chairman if Terry Freihage would continue on as secretary. Dave French advised that he was undertaking an overhaul of the Road Chatter cover.

40 Years Ago This Month – January 1978

The January 10 meeting was attended by 21 members despite cold and blustery weather. Members viewed a slide presentation of the Grand National Meet "Tulsa 78." At the January 20 Installation Dinner/Dance, outgoing President Ray Tognarelli turned over the gavel to new President Chuck Wrobel as 72 members and friends looked on. Len Vinyard solicited a number of very nice door prizes. Marty Duling provided a slide show highlighting 1977's activities.

50 Years Ago This Month – January 1968

NIRG charter member Al Chewning and his wife attended the January 13, 1968, Early Ford V-8 Club Installation Dinner in Alameda, California.

Flathead Flashback

President and First Lady Dan & Diane Pudelek at the Installation Dinner ten years ago, January 12, 2008.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 11 Board Meeting 13 Installation Dinner, Suparossa, Woodridge 16 Member Meeting	February 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	March 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting	April 12 Board Meeting 17 Pizza Meeting
May 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	June 14 Board Meeting 11-15 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, Michigan 19 Member Meeting	July 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	August 2-4 Joint Tour with Northern Ohio 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting
September 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting 28-30 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	November 8 Board Meeting 10 Veterans Day Lunch, Sam's of Arlington 20 Member Meeting	December No Meetings

HAPPY NEW YEAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**GENE HEINTZ (1/3), JACK FRANK (1/4),
KATHY LARSON (1/8), THOMAS PINN (1/8), JUDY BARONE (1/9),
JOE NOVAK (1/11), GEORGE ZULAS (1/13), RON DOPKE (1/14),
DAWN OSBORNE (1/16), SUSAN FREUND (1/21), RON BLUM (1/23),
JO ANNE STACK (1/23), EARL HEINTZ (1/28) & LARRY WEBB (1/31)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
RON & ARLENE HAYDEN (1/9)**

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





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1936 LB Motor; 1933-34 rear axle and housings (nice); Standard 4" stroke crank and Rods & Pistons; #59 Canadian block with 4 1/8 crank & Rods & pistons. Call Paul Jensen, 847-678-0123.

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Set of four Lester blackwall tires and tubes, size-6.00-16, \$120; **five 18" wire rims** (1932), four with tires, \$30 each; **chrome front bumper 1934**, \$100. Contact Bob Miller at (847)651-7207.

V-8 Times Magazines from 1968-2017, make an offer. Contact Paul Jensen at 847-678-0123.

Wanted

1932 Cabriolet parts needed-windshield inside trim. Contact Gary Osborne at 630-584-3286

1940 fuel pump stand. Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095 or 630-582-2056.

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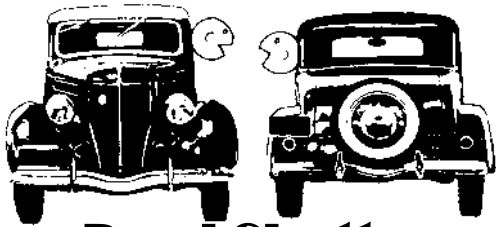
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First Lady Robin and President John