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NIRG Meetings & Events

September

- 09-14-19 Duals Night, Culver's in Buffalo Grove. 4:00
- 09-17-19 Members Meeting 7:30
- 09-27-19 Lake Geneva Poker Rally

October

- 10-10-19 Board Meeting 7:30
- 10-12-19 Jim Manz Collection 9:30
- 10-15-19 Members Meeting 7:30
Officer & Board Elections



OTHER EVENTS

Sat., September 14, 9:00am-5:00pm

Wings & Wheels

Fox Valley Aero Club Air & Car Show
Route 38 & Peck Road, St. Charles

foxvalleyaero.com



Friendly Ford Car Show ...

Randy Yockey's 1940 Ford Deluxe

Randy Yockey's 1940 Deluxe Ford Convertible stood at the entrance to his Friendly Ford Dealership welcoming participants as they entered driving a large variety of antique, special interest and muscle cars. Thirteen NIRG members were present displaying a variety of Ford V-8s.

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President's Message

A Word From NIRG President Ron Steck

Well we're all back from The Early Ford V-8 Club 2019 Central National Meet in Auburn Indiana. Most of our members came home with an award from the meet. As the day of the concourse judging, scheduled for Monday August 26 approached, we were unsure if judging was going to take place due to predictions of very heavy rains for the day. Josh Conrad, Executive Director of the Early Ford V-8 Foundation contacted the management of the neighboring Kruse Auction House, who graciously allowed the club to utilize it's spacious indoor facilities. We were able to bring cars that were to be judged into a large enclosed space inside the Kruse Building. Several of us worked until one o'clock in the morning to get the spaces needed for the cars to fit in. Once again Ken and Carolyn Bounds put in a tremendous effort into registering participants over the last several months and then in coordinating the vehicle judging and tabulation of results.



We have several other functions coming up this fall and are looking forward to having more members get involved with those. We are exploring some new possible activities for next year also and there are several of us who are going to be planning those events.

During our upcoming meeting Tuesday, September 17 Tom O'Donnell will be presenting a photo presentation of the Auburn Central National Meet. If you couldn't attend plan to be with us as Tom shows us what it was all about. Also, we are planning to hold nominations for officers and board members at the upcoming meeting and elections in October. If you could make it to those meetings that would be great.

We will be making a couple of announcements concerning the club at the September meeting, which will also be in Road Chatter. I look forward to seeing a good number of you at our next meeting. Until then enjoy the remaining weeks of summer.

Ron

From the Editors

Our September issue was pretty much prepared before the Central National Meet took place in Auburn, Indiana late in August. Enjoy this issue and please hang on for coverage of the Central National Meet in the October issue. The October edition will be out a little early as we take off for Tucson, Arizona to greet the arrival of our new grandson, Tommy Lastella expected Sept. 25th.

John & Robin



Six NIRG Members brought their Wheels to Wheeling for the Classic Car Show

In an impromptu gathering on Saturday July 27, six members of the Northern Illinois Regional Group got together at a park in Wheeling to take part in the Wheeling Classic Car Show. Pat Maroney headed up from Schaumburg in his 1936 Ford Deluxe Fordor followed by John Emmering who brought out his 1931 Ford Model "A" Roadster. First on the scene was Maurice Adam with his 1935 Ford. Ron Blum appeared behind the wheel of his 1940 Deluxe Fordor followed by Paul Levine in his 1935 Ford Pickup. Finally the group spotted Richard Anderson as he cruised into the show driving his original 1950 Ford Deluxe Tudor.

Entered vehicles were placed in six classes, Antique, Classic, Modified, Muscle Car, Import and Sports Car. Participants and spectators alike were given the chance to vote for their favorite in each category. There was a band performing and an opportunity to visit a food truck for lunch as well as a beer tent for the thirsty. While none of the NIRG V-8s won a trophy the show was an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon.





The warm clear weather proved inviting to many collector car owners early Saturday August 3rd as cars streamed into the Friendly Ford dealership lot for the 7th Annual Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Day Car Show. Our Northern Illinois Regional Group was represented with twelve cars displayed including our member, Friendly Ford Vice-President and part owner, Randy Yockey's 1940 Ford Deluxe Convertible.



Fordor, Paul Lunecki with his 1951 Ford Custom Tudor, Pat Maroney with his 1936 Ford Deluxe Fordor, Tom Myers with his 1945 Ford Pickup Truck, John Scheve with his 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Coupe, Joe Serritella with his 1941 Ford Super Deluxe Coupe, Stan Stack drove his 1953 Ford Customline Tudor, Ron Steck driving his 1941 Ford Super Deluxe Station Wagon, Tom White with his 1950 Ford F-1 Pickup Truck and George Zulas with his 1940 Tudor. Gary Osborne came out in his Ford Mustang.



Early arrivals from the NIRG staked out a section of the lot and members rolled in with their Ford V-8s ready to enjoy the car show.

Bringing Ford V-8s to display were Richard Anderson with his 1950 Ford Deluxe Tudor, Ed Crane with his 1941 Ford Super Deluxe Convertible, John Emmering with his 1951 Ford Custom



Once the V-8s were parked for display, members set up chairs and enjoyed an early morning conversation. A quick trip was made to the registration trailer to register member's cars. Wouldn't you know John Emmering was issued #51 for his 1951 Ford, without requesting it.

Before long a few members headed over to the neighboring McDonald's Restaurant for some coffee and breakfast. Refilling coffee cups they headed back to the lot.

Walking through the rows of vehicle entrees one could see a variety of automotive history. A nice selection of Model "T" and Model "A" Fords were on hand. Ford Motor Company was also represented by several Mustangs, Thunderbirds and Mercurys. Plenty of other antique cars, special interest autos, trucks and muscle cars were displayed.

As the noon hour approached members in attendance strolled to the food tent where Randy Yocky was personally serving up free hotdogs, bratwurst, chips and cold soft drinks. Finding a place under the lunch tent a group of NIRG members gathered to partake of the lunch that was provided, while they got out of the warm sun for a while.

After lunch ballots were available and most of the entrants grabbed a ballot and surveyed the array of vehicles on display. As the show's conclusion drew near attendees were invited to come up to the Double K productions registration trailer to hear the results of the vote. Among the winners was Paul Lunecki's 1951 Ford for "Best Ford of the 50's". Receiving enough votes for a "Class Award" were John Emmering's 1951 Ford, John Scheve's 1947 Ford and Ron Steck's 1941 Ford Station Wagon.

This was the third year that the NIRG attended the Friendly Ford Car Show as a group activity and it has become a regular part of our summer schedule. Those attending really appreciated the efforts of Randy Yockey and the Friendly Ford Team in reaching out to the community by hosting this very enjoyable car show.



Tom Myers 1945 Ford Pickup



John Scheve 1947 Ford Coupe



Ed Crane 1941 Ford Convertible



Tom White 1950 Ford Pickup



Terry Elliott's 1950 Ford Custom Fordor from Arizona

The Restoration Work Begins

As told to John Emmering

When a 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe Fordor pulled into his family's driveway in Arizona back in 1978 Terry Elliott was surprised to learn that it was his father Carl Elliott's latest purchase. As a teenaged boy when the 1949 Fords were introduced, Carl liked them and the 1950 models immediately and remembered them well. While he always wished for a sporty club coupe, Carl jumped at the chance to own the 1950 Custom Fordor when he saw it offered for sale at a used car lot in Phoenix. Terry's Dad Carl Elliott is a real fan of Ford automobiles and has owned a 1947 Ford Convertible, a 1953 Ford sedan, a 1953 Ford panel truck and a 1957 Ford pickup over the years. Working as an over the road truck driver Carl went on the use the 1950 Ford to drive from his residence to the trucking yard where the rig he drove was kept .

The 1950 Fordor had been painted over the original Sportsman Green, with the same tan color used on International pickup trucks. The 28-year-old car was a little worse for wear when it came into Carl's possession back in 1978. The front seat was out of a two door sedan. Carl replaced it with a modified office chair equipped with a seat belt. The Ford turned out to be a reliable daily driver for many years, as the engine had been rebuilt. Carl eventually took it out of use and stored it for seven years, finally finding a buyer for the car. When the buyer did not follow through Terry offered to purchase his father's "shoebox" Ford and take it on as a restoration project.



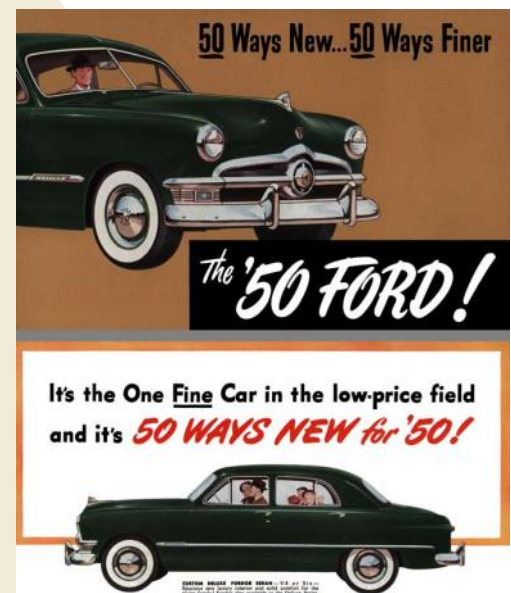
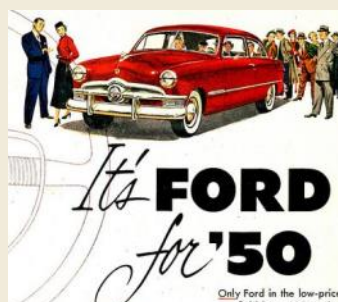


Having always appreciated the look of the 1949 and 1950 Fords Terry was happy to own the Fordor. Terry stored the car in Arizona and in 2015 decided to trailer it up to Chicago where he now calls home. Once again, the Fordor spent some time tucked away in a rented garage. Finally, in the spring of 2019 Terry decided to get going on the 1950 Ford project and set about to get it running. Terry discovered that he would have to unclog the fuel line. He removed, de-rusted and sealed the fuel tank, cleared the fuel line and rebuilt the fuel pump.

Next Terry installed new points, plugs and other ignition components giving the car a major tune-up. Of course hoses, belts and other components were replaced. Further he replaced the brake wheel cylinders. Finally, Terry got the old flathead back to life and running once again after its long dormancy. The electrical system had a bit of a problem as mice had chewed much of the wiring. Terry taped and patched the wires so that they would carry current once again.

As Terry began work on the '50 Ford he decided to join the Early Ford V-8 Club of America and our Northern Illinois Regional Group to get input from the organization and members about his car. Terry hopes to bring his car around to become a good touring car he can take out to club events and cruise nights without putting a huge investment into it. He is considering repainting the car in its original Sportsman Green. Locating a set of seat springs at Desert Valley Auto Parts in Arizona, Terry installed them. He hopes to restore the interior with an upholstery kit at some point.

Terry has a challenging process ahead and we hope he will keep us updated on his progress. Any members with some 1950 Ford items laying around they are not using might want to let Terry know what they can share with him. Let's hope we will be seeing that 1950 Fordor out to a meeting or event soon.



Early Ford V-8 Law Enforcement Legacy



Nostalgic 1949 Ford Patrol Car Pride of the Cleveland Ohio Police Department

by John Emmering

Whether they were speeding off to an emergency call or slowly patrolling the city's streets and boulevards residents of Cleveland, Ohio were impressed by the sight of the brand new 1949 Ford Police Patrol cars when they appeared on the streets of Cleveland in the summer of 1948. The patrol officers assigned to the cars also appreciated the comfort and better handling of the new Fords as they drove their assigned beats.

It was only fitting that the Cleveland Police Department would be outfitted with state of the art patrol cars back in 1949, as they were one of the most innovative Police Departments in the country with an interesting history. In 1836 it all started when the citizens of Cleveland elected a City Marshall to command a volunteer night watch. Watchman, Jacob W. Schmidt advocated for the establishment of a metropolitan police force and when the Cleveland Police Department was created on May 1, 1866 Schmidt became its first chief.

One of the innovations of the Cleveland Police Department was the callbox system they developed for use by foot patrolmen called "Murphy Boxes" after their inventor. The department pioneered the use of fingerprint identification, photography and criminalistics in solving crimes. The work of George Kostle, known as "The Dean of Fingerprints," was influential. Kostle rose to the post of Superintendent of Criminalistics at the department and made advancements in the art of forensic science in criminal investigation.

While foot patrol was the norm during the early 20th Century, motorcycles were introduced to the Cleveland Police in 1911 as was its first automobile, a White Motors Police Patrol Wagon. When the 1920's rolled around the Cleveland Police Department placed some locally built Peerless Touring Cars into police service.



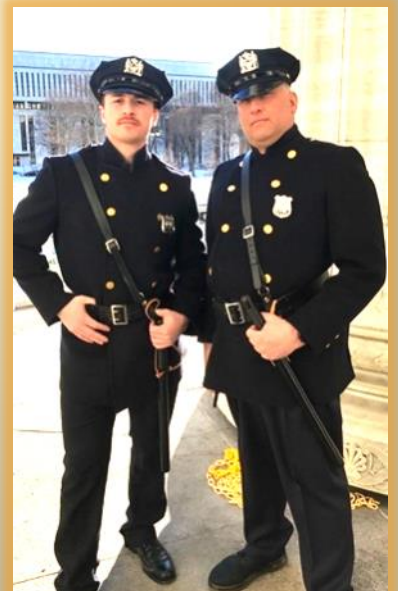


The use of the patrol car increased after former head of the Chicago Prohibition Bureau, Elliot Ness was appointed Safety Director in 1935. With his battle with Al Capone won, and the repeal of prohibition, Ness took on the challenge of modernizing the Cleveland Police and Fire Departments which he oversaw.

By 1938 the Cleveland Police Department established 32 police zones with a patrol car in each zone. Instead of the 16 police precincts foot patrolmen had worked out of, five district stations were established. Ford V-8s were employed along with other vehicle makes for motorized patrol and the cars were installed with two-way radios for the first time, replacing the one-way radio units used earlier.

When the Cleveland Police Historical Society obtained a 1949 Ford Fordor Police Car in 2007, they set about to model it after the Ford Police cars used in Cleveland in that era. Greg Savernik, Vehicle Chairman of the Police Historical Society sought out and located an authentic police radio, antenna, siren and red light for the 1949 Ford patrol car. With the help of automotive students at the Ohio Technical College and body shop instructors Terry Axline and Ken Kellogg, the 1949 Ford Fordor was painted and lettered to match the original 1949 Ford Cleveland patrol cars and the police accessories were added.

The 1949 Ford Cleveland Police Car was recently brought out to the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Show where it's craftsmanship was admired. Today the patrol car is a major attraction of the Cleveland Police Historical Society's Museum where visitors can relive a slice of Cleveland's history when V-8 Fords prowled the streets transporting the police officers of the past as they served the city's residents.





MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 2019

Submitted by John Emmering

President Ron Steck called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm after the group assembled after visiting out in the parking lot. There was one visitor, Andrea Champ, Phyllis Madrigali's sister.

Membership Report

Membership chairman Ken Bounds gave his membership report. He let us know that annual dues will be collected soon and there will be a renewal form included with the October Road Chatter. Ken reported that the membership stands at 87.

Health & Welfare

Health and Welfare chairperson Phyllis Madrigali was present after a long illness. Phyllis reported that she is doing better. Phyllis also reported our Secretary Gary Osborne had injured his knee at work and was laid up with the injury. Gary was not able to attend the meeting due to his injury.

National Club Report

Ken Bounds, EFV-8CA National Chief Judge, reminded the members that ballots have been sent out for National Board Member positions. He encouraged every one to participate by voting and sending their ballot in.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Serritella, our treasurer reported on our regional group's finances. The Club had income of \$145.00 from the 50/50 raffle and expenses of \$546.00 for the picnic and \$163.35 for the August Road Chatter.

Past Tours and Events

John Emmering reported on the Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show held on Saturday, August 3rd. There was a good turnout from the NIRG with several members bringing their cars. The "Fords and Friends" gathering at Culver's Saturday August 17th drew only two cars as rain threatened.

Future Tours/Events

- Geneva Concourse-August 25
- Central National Meet-August 23-27, Auburn, IN
- Duals Night-September 14, Buffalo Grove Culvers
- Lake Geneva Poker Rally- September 27-29
- Tour to Car Collection, Mundelein, IL. Oct. 12
- Veteran's Day Lunch, Sat. November 9.
- Christmas Lunch at Chessie's Sun. December 15

Additional Items

Ken Bounds updated the group on the Central National Meet. He reported that there were 265 registrations with 160 Ford V-8s expected. Most of the attendees from our NIRG planed to leave from the Lincoln Oasis Saturday August 24th at 9:00 am.

Ken further explained plans for the 12th Annual Lake Geneva Poker Rally Sept. 27-29 which may include a tour of a private car collection in Wisconsin.

After the business portion of the meeting the 50/50 raffle was drawn. The lucky winner was Phyllis Madrigali who was able to take home \$27.00

Attendance

Ken Bounds, Ed Crane, Ron Dopke, Terry Elliott, John Emmering Scott Gilday, Jay Hinshaw, John Judge, Frank & Phyllis Madrigali, Pat Maroney, Bob Miller, Tom Myers, Joey Novak, Tom O'Donnell, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Joe Serritella, Ron Steck, Jim Taylor, George Zulas.



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September 27—29



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You are invited to join your NIRG friends
for a driving tour to the Lake Geneva area
for our Twelfth Annual Poker Rally

Friday, September 27 through Sunday September 29



We will Gather at **9:30 am at the Town and Country Mall** at the corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Roads **Friday morning September 27, leaving at 10:00 am** for the tour in the Lake Geneva area. A brand new route has been selected.

We are staying at the Delevan Comfort Suites, 313 Bauer Pkwy, Delevan, WI. (262-740-1000)
If you had a room last year , your room is already reserved for this year. Although the deadline for reserving rooms has passed, if you do not have a room and wish to attend please contact Ken Bounds to see if we can find you accommodations. We have planned a fun relaxing weekend with some leisurely drives over scenic back roads, some visits to nice restaurants and plenty of time for shopping or just relaxing. You will be pleased when our surprise destinations are revealed.

Our traditional poker game will commence once again with prizes awarded for the best poker hand and the worst. Weather permitting we will be playing car games either Friday afternoon or Sunday morning. Also, we plan to play the ever popular people games. **Please confirm with Ken Bounds at 630-858-9474 or Ken@boundshome.com to let him know if you plan to participate in the event.** There will be a sign-up sheet at the Tuesday, September 17 meeting so we can get a good count for reservations at various restaurants.

Happy Birthday

Arlene Blum	(9/05)
Tina Kukla	(9/09)
Dan Ciano	(9/14)
Linda Livingston	(9/14)
Scott Gilday	(9/17)
Gladys Duzell	(9/21)
Lois Wall	(9/21)
Doug Leicht	(9/25)
Neil McManus	(9/28)

Happy Anniversary

Gary & Dawn Osborne	(9/08)
Bob & Rhonda Miller	(9/11)
Ron & Arlene Blum	(9/12)
Dan & Diane Pudelek	(9/30)

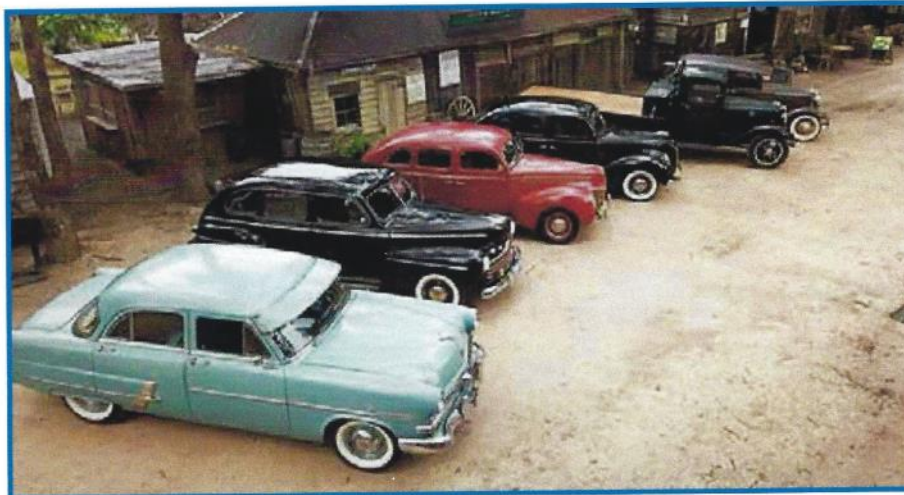


2019 National News

Early Ford V-8 Club of America



Drive Your V-8 Day



This year on Drive Your V-8 Day, the New South Wales Regional Group #143 drove to the historic Australian Pioneer Village at Wilberforce, west of Sydney.

The historic village is made up of many original timber slab huts and buildings from the pioneering era, when the outer reaches of Sydney were first being established.

Our club vehicles lined the main street of the village, under the shelter of the gum-trees. Our members enjoyed a tour of the town and finished with lunch. Leaving the historic village, it was a great sight to see all of the Early Fords in one long line driving through the surrounding suburbs.

A full report on what V-8ers did on Drive Your V-8 Day will be in The September/October V-8 TIMES

Looking For Hosts

The National Club is looking for Regional Groups to sponsor both National Meets and National Driving Tours.

Contact any of the following Board members for information on how we can help:

Bruce Nelson, Reuben Doggett, Gene Napoliello, Mark Strohecker, Rick Claybaugh and Connie Hall

Contact information for Board members can be found on page 5 of the 2019 Membership Roster.

2019 National Activities

**Three National Parks Tour
September 15-20
Colorado/Utah**

Details V-8 TIMES
www.efv8.org

Need A Lawyer

Attorney Dale Dewberry is stepping down from his duties as General Counsel for the Early Ford V-8 Club. The Club is grateful to Dale for advising the board on legal matters affecting the Club.

The Club is looking for a lawyer to serve pro bono in that position. Hopefully one familiar with California laws since that is where the Club is incorporated. The Legal Counsel participates in Board meetings.

If you're a lawyer and would consider serving as Legal Counsel for the Club, please contact:

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2020 National Meets



2020 Eastern National Meet

June 15-18

Morgantown, Pennsylvania

Norm Heathcote, Registration Chairman,
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2020 Western National Meet

**"Colorado Drive Five"
September 20-24**

Deanie and Steve Kennedy,
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(Mountain Time)
www.2020EFV8Meet@ecentral.com

FORD FACT

The Ford's look was again modernized for 1939 — the DeLuxe used a low pointed grille with heavier vertical slats, while the Standard Ford had a higher grille with horizontal dividers. The side grilles and louvers were removed in favor of chrome strips on DeLuxe models. The "alligator" hood opened deep from the top of the grille back, eliminating the side panels found on previous models.

Presented by the Early Ford V-8 Foundation



"DUALS NIGHT"

Whether or not your Ford V-8 has "duals" it's time to get together at Culver's Restaurant, 450 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove, IL

Saturday, September 14th
4:00-7:00 pm

Drive your Ford V-8 - Bring a lawn chair - Enjoy a meal with friends at Culvers

JIM MANZ COLLECTION TOUR SATURDAY OCTOBER 12, 2019

The NIRG has a rare opportunity to view Jim Manz's Antique Auto Collection
 Meet at Town & Country Mall At 9:30 am

(southeast corner of Palatine and Arlington Heights Road)

We will travel back roads to Jim's Home in Mundelein



After the tour we will have lunch at
 Oregano's Corner Café
 119 Gilmer Road, Hawthorne Woods, IL

Sign up at the September 17th meeting
 if you would like to participate, or contact
 Tom O'Donnell at 847-991-6976
 Email: taodonnell@yahoo.com

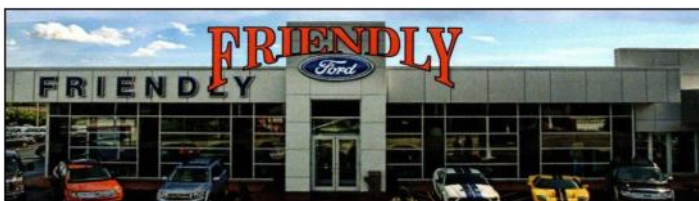
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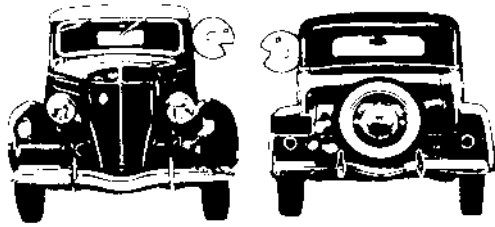


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Photo of the Month

A few of the NIRG members who came out for the Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Day Car Show, Saturday August 3rd. (L to R) John Scheve, Tom Myers, Richard Anderson, John Emmering, Ron Steck, Joe Serritella and Pat Maroney