

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**August 10** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**August 13** Annual picnic - Island Lake. See Page 3 for details.

**August 15** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**August 26** Duals Night - Culver's, St. Charles. See Page 3 for details.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**August 6** 32nd Annual Vintage Transportation Extravaganza, Union.

**August 26** Cheaterama traditional hot rod and kustom car show - noon to 5. South Milwaukee, \$10.

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**Back Cover** – Photo of the Month: Our Early V-8s lined up at the Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show.



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

Please consider driving your Early V-8 and come early to the July 18 monthly meeting. Weather permitting we will be doing some tire kicking in the parking lot. We plan to have an open session to discuss what members are working on with their cars and to discuss any problems.

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**MEETINGS**

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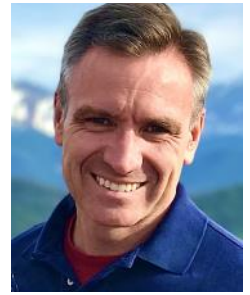
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

I would like to start by welcoming new member Bill Earls. He recently purchased a 1948 Lincoln he is looking to get back on the road. He joined us at our July member meeting. Welcome to the club!



During the month of July, in addition to our regular monthly meeting (and cool Tech Talk), we had a great time at the Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car show held every year by Randy Yockey in Roselle. Several club members showed up with their V-8's and we took home two trophies. Please read more about it in this issue.

Our monthly meeting was a lot of fun. We had great weather which allowed members to kick the tires and marvel at some of our members' V-8's. Jay Hinshaw challenged me to find something that was "odd" on his '40 Tudor, and I'm still not sure what it was. I guess I need to do more homework on the '40 V-8 (or get Jay to tell me). In addition to kicking the tires, my daughter Ciena and I provided another colorful Tech Talk update on the restoration of our 41 Ford Fordor. While we're waiting to hear back on the viability of our second 41 engine block, Ciena and I have been taking the car apart and deciding what we should do with our interior; keep it as a Rouge interior or redo it. Unfortunately, unless we plan to let racoons drive the car, we may need to replace it.



We look forward to August with a lot of fun activities. First, please start by joining us at our annual Picnic at Timmermann's Ranch in Island Lake. This is one of our club's biggest events of the year and we look forward to a good turnout of members and their V-8s. Please make every effort to join us on August 13th! Next, we look forward to enjoying the nice summer weather and kicking the tires on a few V-8s again at our monthly meeting, so please join us on August 15th in Arlington Heights. Lastly, Este Scheve will be hosting a Duals night at Culver's in St. Charles on Saturday, August 26th, so please bring your V-8 and join us for a burger, fries and a malt!

I look forward to seeing you at our club events this month.  
Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS****Annual NIRG Picnic - Sunday, August 13 - 10:00 am**

*Celebrating our 56th  
Anniversary!*



**Timmerman's Ranch & Saddle Shop**

**29550 W. Roberts Rd, Island Lake**

**Food - Drinks - 50-50 Raffle - Fun**

**The club provides:** Tent, tables, and chairs, and anniversary cake, and a great place to park your Early V-8.

**You provide:** **Your food and beverages**, your Early V-8 (other cars welcome) and your lawn chairs. You are welcome to contribute snacks and desserts.

**Raffle:** There will be a chance to take home some \$\$\$ in the 50-50 Raffle.

**Driving directions:** Timmermann's Ranch is at 29550 W. Roberts Road in Island Lake. You can take Route 12 to Route 176, then go west about 2½ miles to Roberts Road. Timmermann's is about ¼ mile south on Roberts Road. From the west take Route 176 to Roberts Road, then go south ¼ mile.

This is one of the biggest events of the year and a chance to see many great V-8s and friends. You don't want to miss it! Guests are welcome!

**(Note: we would appreciate a few early arrivals to help set up the tent, tables, and chairs.)**

## **Duals Night at Culvers**

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Bring your car, bring your appetite, and bring your friends! There is another Duals Night scheduled for Culver's on Saturday, August 26. This time, it is in St. Charles on North Ave, across from what used to be Pheasant Run. Actual address is 4068 E Main St (North Ave), St Charles. The time is 5 pm to whenever we leave. Come for dinner, come for desert, or just to visit. Bring a lawn chair and prepare to enjoy the evening.



## **Tenth Annual Customer Appreciation Car Show Friendly Ford – Roselle By Ken Bounds**

On Saturday, July 15, our own Randy Yockey hosted the Tenth Annual Customer Appreciation Car Show at his Ford dealership. The first of several hundred show cars began arriving early. There was a row reserved for Early Ford V-8 vehicles. Showing Early V-8 vehicles were Ken Bounds – 1950 Crestliner, Scott Gilday with daughter Ciena – 1941 Convertible, Jay Hinshaw – 1937 Tudor, John Judge – 1947 Lincoln, Pat Maroney – 1953 Victoria, Tom Myers – 1945 Pickup, Dan Pudelek with son-in-law John and grandson Jack – 1950 Crestliner, Randy Yockey – 1936 Convertible Sedan, 1950 Pickup. Gary Osborne displayed his Mustang. Others at the show were Tom Buscaglia and George Zulas. Also attending was old friend and former member Dennis Bohannon – 1950 Crestliner, a very original car formerly belonging to Loren Miller. It is for sale! If you are doing the math, that makes three '50 Crestliners at the show! My apology to Jay - somehow I missed getting a photo of his '37.

We had a great day of tire kicking, solving global problems, and looking at the huge display of show cars. As usual, Randy supplied the entertainment and lunch, all free of charge. It was a great summer day with sunshine and a high of 85. Feared rains never happened, though there was heavy rain reported only a few miles away.

Everyone seemed to have a very good time and we thank Randy for his hospitality. Even better news arrived with the trophy presentation when Pat Maroney won a "Top 30" trophy for his '53 Victoria and John Judge won a Top 30 for his Lincoln. Congratulations!



**Two 1950 Ford Crestliners - Ken's Coronation Red/Black left, Dan's Sportsman's Green/Black right**



**Two Ford Pickups - Tom's very rare 1945 left, Randy's pristine 1950 right**





Two "Drop Tops" - Randy's 1936 Convertible Sedan left, Scott and Ciena's 1941 Super Deluxe right



Two trophy winners - John's 1947 Lincoln Continental left, Pat's 1953 Victoria right



### Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Bill Earls of Roscoe. Bill has acquired a 1947 Lincoln and just joined the National Club as well as the Rockford Regional Group. He decided to pay us a visit at our July meeting and joined our group as well. Bill is looking for help on various items to get his new find road worthy. Let's all lend a hand where we can. Welcome!



**JULY 18 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. to begin the business portion of the meeting. There were two visitors in attendance; Bill Earls from the Roscoe, Illinois area, and Ciena Gilday who came to give a presentation on her '41 Ford's restoration progress.

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that we had 62 members at the beginning of the meeting. But; then we gained one with the addition of Bill Earls who joined that evening.

**National Club Report**

Ken Bounds reminded the group that there are two National Meets next year. One in Auburn, Indiana June 17-24, and one in Clayton, New York September 15-20. Ken and Carolyn are taking care of the registration.

There is also some interest in having a joint National Meet with the Model A Groups to celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2028.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron Blum gave the report as follows: Revenue of \$31 for dues and the 50/50 raffle, and expenses of \$174 for the Road Chatter and the meeting room rental for the remainder of the year.

**Health and Welfare Report**

Tom O'Donnell is continuing to have chemo treatments. Please keep him in your prayers, and others that you may know have needs that may not be mentioned.

**Past Events**

Ken Bounds gave the report on the Aurora Air Museum that Ron Steck had organized. The people that went had a good time, and the museum had a new guide that gave us a personalized tour about the aircraft that was very informative. Afterwards they all went to the Sugar Grove Cafe for lunch.

Pat Maroney gave the report on the car show at Friendly Ford. Rain had threatened the event, so some cars weren't there. But actually, the event ended up being rain-free, and those that were there had a great time. Members Pat Maroney and John Judge also won awards for their cars.

**Future Events**

- August 13 - NIRG picnic at Timmermans Ranch
- August 26 - Duals Night at St. Charles Culvers
- Sept 17 - Car Show at Cantigny Museum
- Sept 22-24 - Poker Rally in Lake Geneva

**Additional Items**

After a short break featuring the world-famous Carolyn Bounds cookies, there was a special presentation by Ciena Gilday, with the help of her father Scott, about the progress of her 1941



**JULY 18 MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED**

Ford Sedan. She showed a lot of pictures on the big screen about the engine removal, teardown, and block problems. She also had some of the interior, glass, and trim removal. Then what her plan was for the body removal. I'm sure we'll hear more in the months ahead.

After the presentation there was the 50/50 raffle in which Dan Pudelek was the lucky winner of \$16.

**Attendance**

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Bill Earls, Terry Freihage, Scott Gilday, Ciena Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Pat Maroney, Russell Medlin, Gary Osborne, and Dan Pudelek.

**2024 National Meet Updates****2024 Central National Meet • Auburn Indiana  
June 17-21, 2024**

Early registration is now open! Visit the meet website at [2024cnm.com](https://2024cnm.com) for registration forms and more information.

Most meet activities will be held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Come see the newly opened Jerry Windle events center.

**2024 Eastern National Meet • Clayton, New York  
September 15-20, 2024**

Early registration is now open! Visit the meet website at [2024enm.com](https://2024enm.com) for registration forms and much more information.

This meet will be held in the stunning 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. This will be a very special experience.

**FROM THE EDITORS****Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

Well, the dog days of summer are upon us. We have been spared some of the terrible weather that parts of the county are suffering from, but in the last couple of weeks we are trying to catch up. We hope that most of you have had a chance to get your Early V-8s out and do some driving. Since bringing our Crestliner home from storage in March we have logged about 900 miles driving mostly to Club events. The Mercury has not been forgotten either.



Having all of our Early V-8s home and thinning the herd by selling the '36 Roadsters jogged something in my mind. We have another old reliable septuagenarian vehicle – the '50 Convertible. I hate to think how long ago I started tearing it down to do a refresh under the hood. This month I have started working in earnest to complete this project and get our old favorite car back on the road. Hopefully before the *next* driving season.

We have some nice events coming up on the calendar for the rest of *this* driving season. We hope many of you can get your cars out to the picnic, the duals night, the Cantigny show, the Poker Rally, and the fall driving tour.

*Ken & Carolyn*



# V-8 Gals



It's August...it's hot...it's a great time for cocktails! Believe it or not, this is the 17th Annual V-8 Gals cocktail issue. This year has me thinking about tropical drinks. I don't know what it is but put a cute little paper umbrella in a glass and I'm transported to the beaches of Hawaii. My absolute favorite tropical drink has to be the Lava Flow. It's the first thing I get whenever we go to Hawaii. It's quite yummy and refreshing. I hope you enjoy these cocktails.

## LAVA FLOW

- 1 oz. light rum
- 1 oz. Malibu® coconut rum
- 2 oz. fresh or frozen strawberries
- 1 small banana
- 2 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice
- 2 oz. coconut cream



Blend the 2 rums and the strawberries in a blender to form a smooth paste. Pour this mixture into a tall (Collins or Hurricane) glass. Rinse the blender. Blend the banana, the coconut cream, and the pineapple juice in blender with crushed ice until smooth. Pour this mixture into the glass with the rums very slowly and watch as the strawberry mixture oozes its way to the top along the sides of the glass creating the flowing lava effect. Garnish with a pineapple wedge and paper umbrella.

## CHI-CHI

- 2 oz Vodka
- 5 oz Pineapple Juice
- 1 1/2 oz Coconut Cream
- 1 Cup Crushed Ice

Pour the vodka, pineapple juice and coconut cream into a blender with one cup of crushed ice. Blend well at high speed, and pour into a collins glass. Garnish with a maraschino cherry, a slice of pineapple, a paper umbrella and serve.

## TEQUILA SUNRISE

- 2 oz tequila
- 4 oz freshly squeezed orange juice
- ice cubes
- 1 oz grenadine syrup
- 1 slice orange, for garnish
- 1 maraschino cherry for garnish

Stir or shake together tequila and orange juice. Fill a chilled 12 ounce glass with ice cubes; pour in orange juice mixture. Slowly pour in the grenadine, and allow it to settle to the bottom of the glass (be patient). Garnish with a slice of orange, and a maraschino cherry. There is no mention of a paper umbrella — but I'd add one anyway.





## TECH CORNER



OK. We are right in the middle of touring season in the Midwest. You have been driving your Early V-8 and a stumble here and there from your reliable Flathead has you concerned, so you need to do some troubleshooting. A must tool for every Flathead owner is a vacuum gauge - you can pick one up at a swap meet, Sears, or any auto parts store. Here is a useful chart to use with your vacuum gauge to start your diagnosis, this one courtesy of Mac VanPelt.



### CORRECT READING

A good running engine should have a reading between 17 & 21 inches. The needle should be steady. When the throttle is cracked it should drop about 2 inches and jump up to 25 in.



### INCORRECT VALVE TIMING

A variance in valve timing will produce a low but steady reading between 8 and 14 inches



### POOR RINGS

A low but steady reading can indicate leakage around stuck or worn rings, worn pistons or cylinder walls. The engine does not "pull" full vacuum.



### INCORRECT IGNITION TIMING

If the ignition timing is off, the reading will be steady between 13 and 16 inches.



### CARB ADJUSTMENT

Needle floats between 12 and 16 inches. Adjust idle screw to reach the highest reading without vibration. If adjustment can't be made, trouble may be within the carburetor



### LEAKY CARB OR MANIFOLD

A steady reading below 5 inches indicates leaky manifold gaskets, or a leak around the carb/throttle-valve shaft.



### COMPRESSION LOSS

Needle drifts between 5 and 19 inches. If needle vibrates at idle but steadies with throttle, check intake valve guides. If needle vibrates at all speeds, check head gasket(s)



### PLUG GAP TOO CLOSE

Needle drifts between 14 and 16 inches. Pull plugs and check gap.



### STICKING, BURNING OR LEAKY VALVES

If burnt valve, needle drops each time that cylinder fires. If needle drops irregularly, valve(s) are likewise sticking irregularly.



### 10 Years Ago This Month – August 2013

On August 11 about 50 members and family along with a fleet of Early V-8s attended a great picnic at Timmermann's Ranch. On August 14, 42 members attended the kickoff planning meeting for the 2014 Central National Meet. On August 22-25, 13 members participated in a joint tour with the Northern Ohio regional group to Dearborn.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – August 2003

The August Road Chatter featured an article about Frank Nagode's '36 Cabriolet written by Ron Vaughan. Lloyd Duzell won the People's Choice award at the 15<sup>th</sup> and final Mount Prospect Historical Society show, hosted by Alan Wall. There was a great turnout and nice items for the auction and raffle at the annual picnic, hosted by the Brauns at their home.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – August 1993

On August 7, 13 members displayed cars at a church fundraiser in Carol Stream sponsored by Cliff Dixon. On August 8, John Witthoeft hosted a mini-golf event in Algonquin, followed by brunch. Unfortunately, we could not find a report on the event. Also on August 8, four members displayed club cars at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Prospect Historical Society show.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – August 1983

About a dozen members with six Early V-8s attended the Grand National Meet in Dearborn. Marty Duling took a 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Touring for his '36 Club Cabriolet, but on the way home his left rear wheel came off, damaging his fender. On a hot and sunny August 28, a very large group of members and families had a wonderful time at the annual picnic hosted by the Brauns. At least 21 Early V-8s and other antique vehicles were displayed. The Club pocketed over \$250 from the efforts of auctioneers Chester Lawrence and Len Vinyard.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – August 1973

On August 8, a large group of members and families in at least 14 Early V-8s caravanned to Dearborn to attend the first Grand National Meet. Everyone was in awe as they arrived in Dearborn to see over 500 V-8s, throngs of V-8 Club members, and a display of three stainless cars: a '36 Ford, a '60 Thunderbird, and a '67 Lincoln 4-door convertible. The highlight of a terrific meet was Sam Iusi winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place for his '37 Tudor. Coverage of the event was so detailed that it appeared in three issues of the newsletter.

### Flathead Flashback

**NIRG Trophy Winners at the 2003 Grand National Meet.**



## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

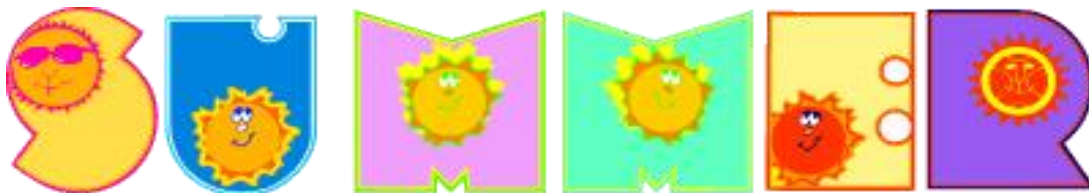
<b>May</b> 6 Duals Night - Culver's, Buffalo Grove 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Beller Museum Tour	<b>June</b> 8 Board Meeting 11-17 Grand National Meet, Dearborn, MI 17 National Drive your V-8 Day 20 Member Meeting 25 Aurora Air Classics Museum Tour	<b>July</b> 13 Board Meeting 15 Customer Appreciation Car Show, Friendly Ford, Roselle 18 Member Meeting	<b>August</b> 10 Board Meeting 13 Annual Picnic, Island Lake 15 Member Meeting 26 Duals Night, Culver's, St. Charles
<b>September</b> 14 Board Meeting 17 Cantigny Car Show, Wheaton 19 Member Meeting 22-24 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 7 <b>Member Meeting</b> <b>Note Special Date</b> 9 Board Meeting 11 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD	<b>December</b> No Meetings

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### Cantigny Car Show - Saturday, September 17 - Cantigny Park, Wheaton

We are planning to attend this show as a group. Details will be in the September Road Chatter for a meeting place so we can drive in as a group and park together. Several members have already signed up and received their tickets.

You can save some money by registering your car NOW. The registration fee per vehicle in July is \$18; in August the fee is \$25 and in September the fee is \$28. Just go to [2023 Cantigny Car Show Tickets](#) to get your tickets. Tickets are online only.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**KIM TAYLOR (8/2), JOHN SCHEVE (8/7),**  
**ERIC KOZMIC (8/9), ALLEN BRYANT (8/16),**  
**ROGER OBECNY (8/19), & CAROLYN BOUNDS (8/21)**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**GEORGE & DAWN ZULAS (8/17), JOHN & ESTE SCHEVE (8/18)**  
**& PAT & DEE MARONEY (8/29)**

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





## For Sale



This **1940 Ford 1/2 ton pickup** is a full restoration. The engine is a 1951 Mercury flathead, 3 speed transmission, Columbia two speed rear end. Frame is powder coated along with many suspension parts. New wire harness and many other items. Have all the records of the restoration and list of parts. **Asking \$40,000. Contact Ron Steck at 630-777-4001.**



**1934 Ford 5-Window Coupe.** This car is located in Iowa, about two hours northwest of Des Moines. Mr. Berger is helping the widow of the owner sell the car. It is in very nice condition and has a post-war 59A engine. The editor has more pictures if you are interested - let us know. **Asking \$55,000. Contact Joe Berger at 712-830-9569 .**

**2007 Shelby GT500 Mustang.** 3,256 miles, original owner. **Contact Bob Miller at 847-651-7207.**

### The Items Below are Offered by Ray McMahon

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**. **Call Ray McMahon at 630-853-6832.**

R-12 Freon 12oz \$10 per can. Ignition resistor - new \$5. Condensers: 78-12300 fits 1940 helmet distributor \$5, 91-A 123000 Fits 1941 and up \$5 each. Spark Plugs for sale \$1 each: Champion F-14Y (8), Champion RF-14Y4 (6), Motorcraft AWSF 44C (8), AC Delco R45TS8 (8), AC Delco R44TSX (6), AC Delco R45LTS6 (5), AC Delco R43TS (1). **Contact Roger Obecny at 708-772-1925.**

Three 16" pickup rims. **Contact Tom Myers at 847-651-7207.**

## Wanted

Wanted: 1941 Ford starter, generator, and carburetor. **Contact Vickie Beck at 847-946-5237.**

Wanted: 1952 International L-150 Model 5 lug rims. **Contact Mike Heatherly at 630-234-5384 or [mikehy@raecorents.com](mailto:mikehy@raecorents.com).**



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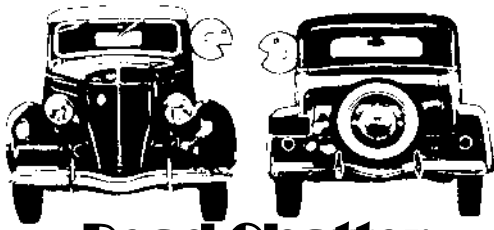
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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our cars lined up at the Friendly Ford Customer Appreciation Car Show**