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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

April 11 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

April 16 - Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

April 27 - Eggs & Eights Breakfast, Downers Grove. See page 3 for details.



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 14 - Cars and Coffee Car Show, Two Brothers Roundhouse, Aurora. Starts at 9:00 am. Free.

April 26-27 - 47th Annual Spring Jefferson Car Show & Swap Meet, Jefferson Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI. Admission \$15.

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Attention Members

Be sure to come to the April 16 monthly meeting. Gary Osborne is going to present a tech talk on how he fitted and installed the top on his 1932 Cabriolet. You don't want to miss this!

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MEETINGS

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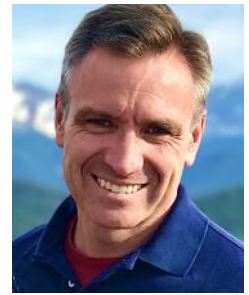
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**Monkey Business**

Well it's officially spring now and April is finally here. Hopefully we've seen the last of the snow and salt and we can all get our V-8s out on the road!

Thanks to everyone who made it to our events last month. A special thanks to Este and John Scheve for again hosting our annual Pizza Meeting on March 19th. As always, we had a great turnout, and a good time was had by all. Additionally, I'd like to thank Ron Blum for hosting a new tour of the Elmhurst History Museum with lunch on March 23rd. Looking ahead to this month, we have our regular Member Meeting on April 16th followed by Eggs & Eights at Juicy-O Pancake House in Downers Grove on April 27th.

As I write this month's president's message, I'm in our beloved editor's dog house for having missed my deadline. I figured I have a pretty good excuse: Our family traveled to Costa Rica for spring break and, much to my surprise, got caught up in some "monkey business." Many of you may not know that my daughters, Reese and Ciena, are fluent in Spanish and have been in an immersion program at their school since Kindergarten. We had initially postponed the trip because of Covid, and last year our excuse was my work schedule. So this year, we finally made it. Now back to the monkey business...

We rented a house in Manuel Antonio on the Pacific Ocean. (The house is actually owned by a family in Elmhurst.) In addition to being in awe



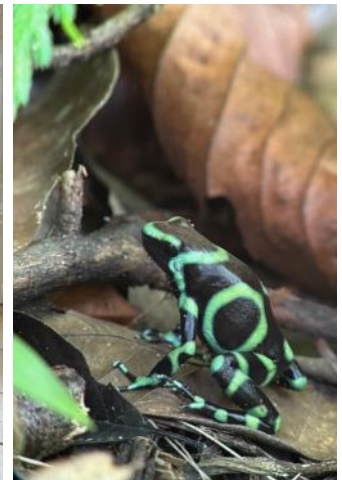
Kayaking in the mangroves



Our translators



Squirrel monkey business



Poisonous tree frog

UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

Eggs & Eights - Saturday, April 27

Welcome Spring with a visit to Downers Grove for Eggs & Eights. This is just an informal, relaxed way to join your fellow NIRG V-8ers for breakfast. Also a great opportunity for newer members to come out and meet the families.



Eggs & Eights will be held **Saturday, April 27** at 9:00 a.m. at Juicy-O Pancake House, 2942 Finley Rd, Downers Grove. The restaurant is in the strip mall on the northwest corner of Finley and Butterfield Roads, near the Duluth Trading Company. If arriving on I-355, take the Butterfield Road exit and go east to the Finley Road stop light. Turn left, then the first left at a stop light into the strip mall. There is plenty of parking - consider driving your Early V-8!

If you are interested in attending and have not already signed up, please call or text Ken Bounds at 630-408-4006.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT - CONTINUED



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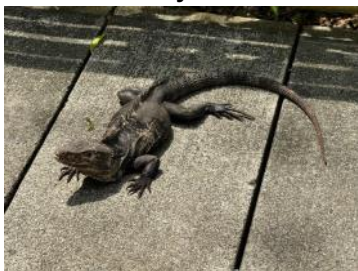
A shy sloth



Viper



Toucan



Lizard

of Reese and Ciena's fluency with the locals, the wildlife was incredible! At our house, we had daily visits from both white face and squirrel monkeys, who loved to trash our patio, and spotted toucans, green parrots, macaws, and hummingbirds too. We also visited a national park, rain forest, and mangrove, where we saw sloths, vipers, boas, lizards and poisonous tree frogs to name of few, some of which are pictured. All in all, it was an amazing trip and definitely worth the wait. As I return to reality, I look forward to seeing you at our club events this month. In the meantime, as they say here in Costa Rica, "¡Pura Vida!" (translation: "No worries!").

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MARCH 19 PIZZA MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Este Scheve

On March 19, 2024, the regular meeting of our club was held at Papa Passero's restaurant in Westmont for pizza and liquid refreshments. It was a delightful break from our meetings at the Wheeling Township offices, allowing for visiting and comradery. We had our fill of pop and a variety of delicious pizza with a short business meeting and announcements. Those attending were: Ron and Arlene Blum and their friend Audry Rohling, Ken Bounds, Tom and Judy Buscaglia, Terry and Kitty Freihage, Scott Gilday, John Judge, Rusty Medlin, Joe and Millie Novak, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Dan and Diane Pudelek, John and Este Scheve, and Ron and Colleen Steck. Carolyn Bounds was traveling for work, but did send along enough hand-decorated cookies so everyone could have a delicious dessert.



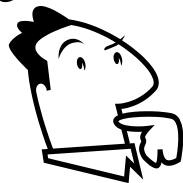
Anxiously awaiting the pizza



Tommy demonstrates that two plates are better than one



As the last bites of the tasty pizza were finished, the cookies were on deck

**Did you know?**

There are about as many theories about the origin of "April Fools" as there are April Fools jokes and hoxes. Trust us, don't bother looking it up.

So, our theory is have fun with it and watch your back April 1. Plus, enjoy our little story on Page 9.

Tour of Elmhurst History Museum

By Ron Blum

After enjoying several 70-degree days as winter whimpered to an end, a blustery early-spring day burst our bubble and brought us back to reality. The Early V-8's would spend this chilly Saturday March 23rd at home. Ron and Arlene Blum, Jay Hinshaw, Dan Pudelek, Gary and Dawn Osborne, Ken and Carolyn Bounds, John and Este Scheve, Rusty Medlin, and guests Audrey Rohlinger and Glen Johnson embarked on a tour of the Elmhurst history museum. As we stepped through its grand entrance, the sights and sounds of "World War II at Home" greeted us. The military artifacts, propaganda posters, and stories of heroism and tragedy remind us of the profound impact of that global conflict. We were all humbled by the outpouring of support and cooperation from everyday American life.

On the second floor we arrived in the present day. Exhibits of the history of Elmhurst's recent history, including the rise of technology, social changes and interactive videos, provide context for understanding the world we live in today.

We left the museum to have lunch at the Rainbow Café on York Road, a short distance away.



2024 National Meet Updates

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

Full registration is now open! Visit the meet website at 2024cnm.com for full registration forms, the tentative schedule, how to make your hotel reservations, and more.

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

As of now, we have received 100 registrations - including 70 full registrations.



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

Early registration is available and we expect the full registration package, including schedule, soon. Visit the meet website at efordv8-59.org for registration forms, how to make your hotel reservations, and more.

This meet will be held in the stunning 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. This will be a very special experience. So far, we have received 84 registrations for this event.





TECH CORNER



Coast to Coast, from One 1939 World's Fair To Another and Back in Henry's 27 Millionth Ford

By John Emmering



As we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the 1939 Ford and the introduction of the Mercury, it's fun to look back on this unusual account of Ford's 27 Millionth production vehicle, a 1939 Ford Deluxe Tudor and its participation in two World's Fairs and cross-country journey through America

A thump was heard as the tudor's body was lowered onto the vehicle's chassis on Wednesday, February 15, 1939. The body was bolted to the frame and soon, assembly of the automobile was complete. The normal din of the Richmond California Ford Assembly plant fell into silence and all activity on the line came to a halt. This newly completed 1939 Ford Deluxe Tudor was not just any new Ford but the 27 millionth production Ford Automobile. It had been the unbroken custom that Millionth milestone Fords were produced in Dearborn in the past but this time the honor fell to the to the bay area Richmond plant due to its close proximity to the Golden Gate International Exposition, the west coast 1939 World's Fair, held on San Francisco's Treasure Island.

The first person to slide behind the wheel of this milestone Ford was Leland Cutler, president of the Golden Gate Exposition. Cutler had the honor of driving the new Deluxe Tudor off of the assembly line and parking it in front of the Richmond California assembly plant, beside the 10 Millionth Ford, a Model "T". On opening day, Saturday February 18th, the 27 Millionth Ford was driven to the Golden Gate International Exposition by Percy Stanford, president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and veteran Ford Executive Frank Vivian. The Deluxe Tudor arrived at the Ford Pavilion on Ford Day at the Fair, where it held the place of honor at a luncheon officiated by the Ford executives pictured. At least 75 newspaper, radio, magazine, and advertising personnel were in attendance at the luncheon, which provided extensive media coverage of the event. The fair's theme was "Pageant of the Pacific" and celebrated the recent completion of the Oakland Bay Bridge (1936) and the Golden Gate Bridge (1937).

After one week at the Golden Gate Exposition the 27 Millionth Ford departed the Exposition on May 28, 1939. The Ford hit the highway east bound with its destination the New York World's Fair which had opened April 30th on what was once a marsh in Flushing Meadows, east of New York City. Taking the wheel was Ford executive Jim Rooney accompanied by Jack Doyle of the Richmond Ford Branch. The milestone Ford left on its journey in a convoy of about ten other new Fords and a Highway Patrol escort. Before leaving California, the 27 Millionth Ford was bedecked with California license plate number 27,000,000 as a gift from the Governor.

As the interstate journey continued, each state Governor acted in kind as the Ford passed through. Besides California, the states of Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana,



Arthur S. Hatch Lincoln General Sales Manager, J.N. Davis Ford General Sales Manager, C.A. Bullwinkle, Plant Manager, Leland Cutler Exposition President and Tom Norbert Ford General Service Manager at Richmond, CA plant with milestone Fords

Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York awarded license plates on the journey east.

The 27 Millionth Ford and accompanying escort vehicles made many scheduled stops, generally pausing for a brief ceremony at Ford Dealerships along the route. The convoy was generally greeted by the mayor, Chamber of Commerce Representative and the owner of the local Ford dealership. Each stop normally received a write up in the local newspaper.

On June 16, 1939, after nineteen days on the road the 27th Million Ford pulled in to the "World of Tomorrow" as the New York World's Fair was called. It was Ford Day of course and the arrival coincided with the 36th Anniversary of the founding of Ford Motor Company. Henry and Edsel Ford were on hand to greet the arriving procession. Both beamed with pride at the appearance of the shiny Deluxe Tudor. Henry Ford gave an enthusiastic speech on the significance of World's Fairs, mentioning that a gasoline powered pump he had seen on display at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago inspired him to produce a gasoline engine "light enough to fit on a carriage, but strong enough to pull it."



Visitors to the Ford exhibit first entered the main hall decorated with a huge "moving mural" depicting a working V-8 engine. Sightseers passed a lineup of current models beside the 27 Millionth Ford including a 1939 Standard Ford, Ford Deluxe, Mercury, Lincoln Zephyr and Lincoln. Also displayed were Henry Ford's first gasoline engine, his 1896 Quadricycle, and several early Ford cars, described as "pioneers of the roadways of yesteryear". As part of Ford's industrial exhibit there was a round revolving display showing the steps taken in manufacture of a Ford car, called "The Ford Cycle of Production". Fair goers even got a chance to ride in a new Ford over a system of ramps running through the 7 acre Ford exhibit.

The 27th Million Ford's mission was not yet complete however. On Tuesday July 11, 1939, the Tudor began its westward trek back to San Francisco. On the journey back a stop was made in Washington D.C. where President Franklin Roosevelt signed its log book. Other stops on the way west were made at Baltimore, MD, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, PA, Louisville, KY, St. Louis and Kansas City, MO, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and El Paso, TX, Oklahoma City, OK, Phoenix, AZ, and Los Angeles and Fresno CA. The 27 Millionth Ford returned to its place of distinction at San Francisco's Golden Gate Exposition, retaining its honored status until the 37 Millionth Ford took its place at the Fair in 1940, but that's a story for another time.



Editors Note: We thought that the 85th Anniversary of the 1939 Ford and the introduction of the new Mercury line of cars would be a great time to reprint this article.

Our thanks to John Emmering for the article which first appeared about 10 years ago in the November 2014 issue of the Road Chatter.

FROM THE EDITORS

Ken & Carolyn Bounds

April 6 will be the 10-year anniversary of a rough day that we can fortunately look back on and just shrug. We were 200 miles into our 1,250-mile trip back from the Texas Tour in Kerrville, Texas when we had an accident. Our 1950 Convertible was badly injured, but we were not. Now it is better than ever.



We want to say “Thank You” to Scott, Este, Ron and everyone who contributed to the Road Chatter this month, including John Emmering who contributed 10 years ago!

There is not room for much else to say except that we have beaten winter! Time to wash and vacuum, clean the whitewalls, grease, change oil (don’t forget the air cleaner), check air pressure, and get those Early V-8’s on the road!



Ghost Car

This actually happened earlier this year to one of our members (let’s call him Lenny) and even though it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it’s absolutely true.

Lenny was driving in rural Wisconsin when he suddenly got caught in a blinding snowstorm. After missing a turn and sliding into a ditch, he climbed back up on the road. Because he saw no cars for over 30 minutes and saw that his cell phone couldn’t get a signal, he decided to try to hitchhike to a nearby town. The snow was so heavy that Lenny could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly, he saw a car come toward him and stop. Without thinking about it, Lenny got in the car and closed the door. Only then did he realize that there was nobody behind the wheel!

The car started to move very slowly. Lenny looked at the road and saw a curve coming his way. Petrified, he started to pray, begging for his life. He had not come out of shock when, just before the car hit the curve, a hand suddenly appeared through the window and moved the steering wheel. Now paralyzed in terror, Lenny watched how the hand appeared every time the car was approaching a curve. Finally, although terrified, he managed to open the door and jump out of the ghost car. Without looking back, he ran through the storm all the way to the nearest town. Cold, exhausted and visibly shaken Lenny walked into a nearby bar and asked for two shots of Scotch.

Then, still trembling with fright, he started telling everybody in the bar about the horrible experience he just went through with the spooky car with no driver and the mysterious hand that kept appearing. Everyone in the bar listed in silence and became frightened, listening to this eerie story. Hairs stood on end when they realized Lenny was telling the truth because he was crying and he definitely was not drunk!

About half an hour later two guys walked into the same bar and one said to the other, “Hey, there’s the jerk that jumped into our car while we were pushin’ it to the gas station!”





10 Years Ago This Month – April 2014

On April 15, Ken & Carolyn Bounds hosted our Annual Pizza Meeting at Roundhead's of Lombard. With colder than normal temperatures hovering in the 30s, 35 members and guests attended. On April 26, Ron Blum once again arranged the ever-popular Day at the Races, this year to see the thoroughbreds run at Hawthorne Park. The weather cooperated as 31 members, family, and friends had a great time in a section of the Gold Cup room reserved for us right in front of the finish line.

20 Years Ago This Month – April 2004

The April Road Chatter contained an article from member Bill Straughn about how he had acquired his '46 Ford Coupe. Vice President Ed Fontana presided over the April 20 monthly meeting as President Ken Bounds was traveling on business. Membership Chairman Lin Stacey reported that we currently have 78 members. The guest speaker was Jim Evans of Auto Appraisal Group of Virginia.

30 Years Ago This Month – April 1994

A large crowd of 68 V-8ers, family, and friends attended the annual Pizza Meeting April 19 at a different venue, Home Run Inn Pizza in Arlington Heights, hosted by Len & Irene Vinyard. At the meeting t-shirts were handed out to members who had volunteered to support the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event held April 24. Members brought out 17 cars for a little show as they supported a stop in the Forest Preserve at the halfway mark of the walk.

40 Years Ago This Month – April 1984

The annual Pizza Meeting was held April 10 at John's Pizzeria in Addison with 56 in attendance. Lloyd Duzell took in the dough from the 50-50 raffle. Despite a rainy, dismal day, the 2nd Annual NIRG swap meet held at Elmhurst Chrysler was a big success. Thirty-six members turned out to support the meet which generated over \$1,000 profit to the club.

50 Years Ago This Month – April 1974

The April newsletter contained an appeal to members for stories about their cars (sounds familiar!). John Lasky agreed to print the page with such stories so a picture could be included. The April 9 meeting was well attended by over 30 members, spouses, and visitors. Bob Hanselman showed two 35mm filmstrips.

Flathead Flashback

Our group at the 2014 Eggs & Eights Breakfast.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

January 11 Board Meeting 14 Installation Dinner, Cooper's Corner, Winfield 16 Member Meeting	February 8 Board Meeting 10 Valentine's Luncheon, Barrington 20 Member Meeting	March 14 Board Meeting 19 Pizza Meeting 23 Elmhurst History Museum	April 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 27 Eggs & Eights, Juicy-O, Downers Grove
May 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting	June 13 Board Meeting 17-21 Central National Meet -Auburn 18 Member Meeting	July 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting	August 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting
September 12 Board Meeting 15-20 Eastern National Meet, Clayton NY 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	October 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	November 9 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD 14 Board Meeting 19 Member Meeting	December No Meetings



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
DEE MARONEY (4/2), TOM BRECHEISEN (4/7), JUDY MYERS (4/7),
RON VAUGHAN (4/23), XIAOYIN BRECHEISEN (4/25),
ROBIN EMMERING (4/28), & JOHN JUDGE (4/29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
TOM & JUDY BUSCAGLIA (4/8), ERIC & CHERYL KOZMIC (4/20),
KIM & BENNY TAYLOR (4/25), JOE & DELICE SERRITELLA (4/25),
TONY & CAROLINE MIRELES (4/28), MARSHAL & SUE ADAMS (4/29),
JORDON & JUDY BELLER (4/30), & LEN & IRENE VINYARD (4/30)

AND ALL THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH.



Vehicles For Sale



1953 Mercury for Sale

- Rebuilt engine
- Rebuilt automatic transmission
- Brakes, shocks, rear springs replaced

Email novak_j@att.net for more photos. Call Joe Novak at 708-923-9953 for more info.



1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe for Sale

- Museum quality
- Third owner

Call Bob Miller at 847-651-7207 or by email at roberthmiller2@comcast.net for more info.



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.

Other Items For Sale

Three 16" pickup rims. Contact Tom Myers at 847-308-1495.

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.

Have something to sell?

Send your information, including your name and phone number, to the Road Chatter Editor.

Wanted

Wanted: 2-speed 6-volt blower motor for 1940 Ford hot water heater. Contact George Zulas at 630-460-0095.

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.



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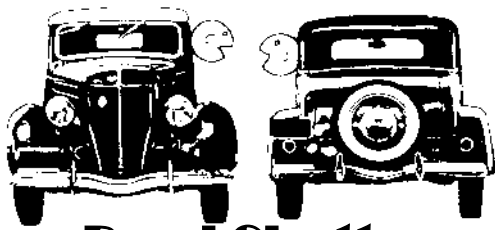
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Photo of the Month
Our Group at the Elmhurst History Museum