

# ROAD CHATTER

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## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**June 13** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**June 27** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm. **Please note special Thursday date!**

**June 29** Duals Night, Culver's, Buffalo Grove. See Page 3 for details.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**June 14** Flag Day - remember to fly your flag proudly.

**June 16** Happy Father's Day

**June 16** 55th Annual Father's Day Classic Car Show, Oakbrook Shopping Center, 10 am - 6 pm Free admission

**June 17-21** Central National Meet, Auburn, Indiana

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Welcome  
Summer



Safe travels and good luck to all our members showing vehicles at the Central National Meet in Auburn. We hope you come home with trophies!

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

Please be aware that the June meeting will be on a special date, **Thursday June 27** to allow for attendance at the Central Meet. With this beautiful weather we encourage everyone to drive their Early V-8's to the monthly meeting and arrive early for some tire kicking in the parking lot.

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

Hello again,

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend, and not only got a chance to spend some time with family and friends, but also took the time to remember those who gave their lives serving our country.

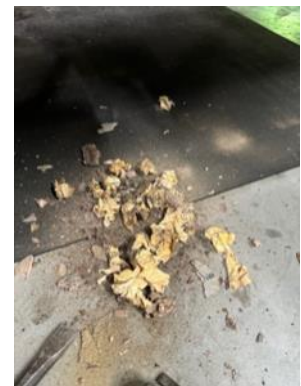


First, I would like to thank Jay Hinshaw for hosting our tour to the Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont on May 31<sup>st</sup>, where club members got a guided tour of this world-class government research facility. After this, the participants enjoyed lunch at the Patio in Darien. It was a great time for everyone!

During our monthly meeting, Ken hosted a very informative presentation on how to replace those pesky brake light switches that often require too much pressure to operate effectively. In addition to this, he shared a neat technique to make greasing your car much easier, and he even demonstrated a real-deal KR Wilson hub puller.

As we look to June, many of us will be attending the Central National Meet in Auburn, Indiana, so we look forward to all being able to spend a few days together enjoying our cars and all that Auburn has to offer. In addition to this, Ron Blum will be hosting another Duals Night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully many of you can join us. Also, please remember our June Member Meeting will be on a special date, Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, due to the conflict with the National Meet. Please mark your calendar!

For those of you following my daughter's and my continuing quest to restore our 41 Ford Fordor, we found some really interesting bodywork that was previously done. I never heard of mixing Bondo and paper. It's amazing what you can hide behind a fender! We'll obviously need to get some new steel and test out our welding skills on this repair.



I look forward to seeing you at this month's events.

## UPCOMING TOURS AND EVENTS

### Fire Up Your Early V-8 and Join Your Friends “Duals Night” at Culver’s



When: Saturday, June 29 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Culver’s, 450 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove

Hosted By: Ron & Arlene Blum



Culver’s is located on the west side of Route 83 (McHenry Rd) ¼ mile SE of Buffalo Grove Rd, ½ mile north of Lake-Cook Rd. Enter via Cherbourg Drive just north of Culver’s.

You can come early if you like. Bring your V-8, but modern iron is welcome. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs - there will be plenty of time for tire kicking and conversation in the parking lot. At some point we will go inside for food and maybe some ice cream. Who knows: Ron may even bring some coupons.

## FROM THE EDITORS

**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

“The printers are smoking at the Bounds house.” Wait a minute - didn’t we say that exactly one year ago? Yep - another year, another National Meet. After a year of planning, receiving and processing registrations, it is time to produce all the items needed for the Central National Meet. By the hundreds. Name tags, pocket schedules, registration receipts, merchandise selection sheets, event tickets, windshield cards, judging sheets, Touring/Touring A/Display ballots, awards pickup authorizations, judges participation forms, judging instructions, operational check labels, parking space markers, labels of every description, and more. Whew.



In less than two weeks, all this stuff will be packed into registration folders, trays of lanyards, etc., and loaded up into the vehicles we are taking to the meet. Along with a large printer, computers, network equipment, paper cutter, laminator, crates of parking markers, office supplies, and a bunch of other stuff. Our Convertible and modern car will both be loaded to the roof.

The interesting part is that while all the registration and concourse items will be consumed at the meet, all the equipment and supplies come back home. Then in less than three months, we get to do it again for the Eastern National Meet.

We wish safe travels to the many NIRG members who are making the trip to Auburn. We have driven our 1950 Ford Convertible over 30,000 miles to 21 National Meets, showing it in Touring Division each time. But this year we are taking the chance to have the car point judged for the first time. Wish us luck!

Finally, thanks to Jay Hinshaw for setting up the tour to Argonne National Laboratory and for providing the report for the Road Chatter. What a terrific tour it was - we think everyone had an enjoyable, educational time.

*Ken & Carolyn*





# V-8 Gals

**Finally....**it is getting warm! The grass is green, the flowers are blooming and you can finally go out without a jacket or sweater. Yeah! These nice warm days always seem better with a nice cold glass of iced tea. Iced tea is great, but read below to find a few ways to jazz up a regular glass. Except where noted, each recommendation below is meant for a 2-quart (8-cup) pitcher of freshly brewed iced tea.

## 6 Refreshing Ways to Flavor Your Iced Tea

**Sugared spice:** Make a small batch of simple syrup (1/4 cup granulated sugar plus 1/4 cup water, stirred and simmered until the sugar dissolves) and add a cinnamon stick to the pot. Cover and let steep for 20 minutes. Add to a pitcher of iced tea to taste; you may not need the entire quantity of simple syrup.

**Spa-style tea:** Juice 1 medium cucumber and 1 lime and add to a pitcher of green tea with your favorite sweetener, to create a thirst-quenching, spa-inspired drink. Want to make it boozy? Add 1/2 cup Hendrick's gin—its floral and cucumber taste makes it a great match.

**Thai iced tea:** Add 2 tablespoons coconut milk and 1 tablespoon sweetened condensed milk to a 12 oz. glass of iced black tea. Want to booze it up? Add 2 tablespoons coconut rum or spiced rum to each glass.

**Tropical cool:** Add a scoop of mango sorbet or passion fruit sorbet to a 12 oz. glass of iced black or green tea; as the sorbet melts, it infuses each sip with fruity flavor. (Don't forget to serve this drink with a straw!) You can spike it by adding 2 tablespoons citrus vodka or spiced rum to each glass.

**Fruity fizz:** Belgian fruit ales make an easy, fizzy mix-in for a pitcher of iced tea. Look for bottles of cherry kriel or raspberry lambic at your local beer store (Lindenman's is a popular brand). Add 1 12-oz. bottle to a pitcher of iced tea and serve immediately.

**Old-Fashioned:** Bring the flavors of a classic Old-Fashioned to your glass of iced tea. Add 2 tablespoons of your favorite bourbon and 1 tablespoon maple syrup to a 12-oz. glass of iced black tea. Stir and serve with an orange slice and maraschino cherry if desired.

Source: <http://www.today.com/food/6-refreshing-ways-flavor-your-iced-tea-1D79546178>

# Did you know?



The Gerber baby, Ann Turner Cook, lived to the age of 95 and just passed away two years ago this month.

**MAY 21 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

Our fellow members Eric and Cheryl Kozmic were in town from South Carolina, and brought out Joe Kozmic's 1953 Mercury. Several members came early to chat with them and see the car. At the appointed time our President Scott Gilday had everyone go inside the building to begin the meeting.

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that we are maintaining at 56 renewals.

**National Club Report**

Ken Bounds reported that there have been a lot of things happening at the National level. Including identifying a new Club Treasurer and someone to handle the Club's books and merchandise. The CNM has 139 registrations. The ENM has 87 registrations. A motion was made and carried to donate \$200 from the NIRG to the Raffle Room at the CNM.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron Blum reported the Club had revenue of \$37 for dues and the 50/50 raffle. The Club had expenses of \$84.44 for the Road Chatter and the Roster.

**Health and Welfare Report**

Rich Anderson had hip surgery. Eric Kozmic gave an update on Joe. He said that he was doing a little better right now. Please keep these folks and any others that you may know about in your prayers. If you would like our Club members to know of any health concerns you may be dealing with, don't hesitate to give Health and Welfare Chair Dawn Zulas a call.

**Past Events**

April 27 - Ken reported that our Eggs and Eights held at Juicy- O was very well attended, food was good, and that everyone had a great time.

**Future Events**

- May 31 - Argonne National Laboratory
- June 17- 21 - Central National Meet in Auburn, Indiana
- June 29 - Duals Night at Culvers in Buffalo Grove
- July 21 - NIRG Annual Picnic at Timmerman's Ranch
- Aug 17 - Friendly Ford Car Show in Schaumburg
- Sept 27-29 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

**Additional Items**

A short break was taken in which we were served some very delicious cookies made by Carolyn Bounds, and coffee made by Jay Hinshaw. Then it was time for the Tech Talk in which Ken Bounds gave an informative talk on brake light switch updates. He also brought in various Early Ford tools and explained their use. Several questions were asked by the members after the demonstrations.

Then it was time for the 50/50 Raffle. Gary Osborne won, and came away \$17 richer.



**MAY 21 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

**Attendance**

Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Eric Kozmic, Cheryl Kozmic, Rusty Medlin, Gary Osborne, Dan Pudelek, John Scheve, Este Scheve, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.

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

Most meet activities will be held at the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum. Come see the newly opened Jerry Windle events center. The concourse will be held in the paved parking lot at the north end of the Kruse building, just across from the Foundation Museum. Trailer parking is behind the Kruse building in the same area as 2019. More info at [2024cnm.com](https://2024cnm.com). This will be our final update before the meet. As of today there are 148 registrations for the meet and 95 vehicles. Next month we hope to have some updates and photos from the meet. Our group will be well represented at the meet:

Marshal & Sue Adams		Dick & Linda Livingston	1938 Ford Standard Coupe
Ken & Carolyn Bounds	1950 Ford Convertible	Tony Mireles	1937 Ford DeLuxe Fordor
Marissa Claybaugh	1951 Ford Convertible	Tom O'Donnell	1953 Lincoln Sport Coupe
Rick Claybaugh	1934 Ford Fordor	Gary & Dawn Osborne	1932 Ford Cabriolet
Tim Carlig	1933 Ford Tudor Sedan	Daniel & Diane Pudelek	1950 Ford Crestliner
John & Robin Emmering	1949 Ford Custom Fordor	John & Este Scheve	1947 Ford Sedan Coupe
Scott Gilday	1947 Ford Station Wagon	Kim & Benny Taylor	1952 Ford Coupe
John Judge	1947 Lincoln Coupe	George & Dawn Zulas	1940 Ford Tudor

We know that several members are meeting Monday morning at the Lincoln Oasis to caravan to Auburn. If you would like to join them, contact Gary Osborne. Carolyn and I have to be there Saturday to prepare for registration. We wish all of you safe travels, good luck showing your cars, and we will see you in Auburn!


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

The complete registration package was issued last month and the full registrations have been rolling in. Visit the meet website at [efordv8-59.org](https://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 91 registrations for this event. So far, only Carolyn and I have signed up from the NIRG. We really hope that more members will consider attending this meet in a unique location. Clayton is less than 750 miles from the Lincoln Oasis, about the same distance as Charlotte, North Carolina. You can even save 50 miles if you travel through Canada.





### 10 Years Ago This Month – May 2014

The monthly meeting starting time was changed to a half-hour earlier from 8:00 to 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, May 10, Ron Blum hosted a Duals Night at Culver's in Buffalo Grove; eight Early V-8's were present. Twenty-three NIRG members and family enjoyed a delightful Spring evening. Long-time member Lloyd Duzell passed away on May 21.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – May 2004

At the May 18 monthly meeting, President Ken Bounds discussed an article in the Daily Herald about our own Jack Nikolich. Jack then made a presentation about his experiences training as a Navy aviator for World War II. The story was especially interesting as Jack detailed how he finally received his wings 60 years later. The guest speaker at the meeting was Gary Kouba of Perfect Auto Finish of Roselle who discussed auto detailing. [Gary sold his business just 3 years later. Ed.]

### 30 Years Ago This Month – May 1994

Don Roels hosted a question and answer session at the end of the May 17 monthly meeting. On May 22 Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell hosted a driving tour to the Brooks Stevens museum near Milwaukee. A group of 15 left from Palatine, stopping by the Cech residence in Antioch for coffee, juice, and donuts. After lunch at an area restaurant, the group enjoyed the unique museum which is sadly lost to history. Everyone stopped at the Bob Adams antique mall on the way home.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – May 1984

Dan Fontanini won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy at the annual Grays Lake meet on May 6. At the May 8 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Joe Novak solicited signatures on a petition to Congress objecting to bills that proposed a ban on leaded gasoline. [I wonder how that worked out. Ed.] Earl Heintz had tickets available for a 1938 Ford to be raffled at the Eastern National Meet in Kent, Ohio.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – May 1974

The feature article in the May newsletter was a story from Ron Dopke about his adventure in buying his 1940 Tudor Sedan. Somehow a Palomino saddle figured in the deal! A special edition flyer was issued announcing the May 14 meeting at Joe Madden Ford where Chester Lawrence presented a leading demonstration assisted by George Cech. New member Bob Paladino joined the large turnout.

### **Flathead Flashback**

**Lloyd Duzells's beloved '40 Pickup by 1929 Ford Tri-Motor at Oshkosh Pioneer Airport 36 years ago in June 1988.**





## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>May</b> 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 31 Tour of Argonne National Laboratory	<b>June</b> 13 Board Meeting 17-21 Central National Meet -Auburn <b>27 Member Meeting</b> 29 Duals Night - Culver's, Buffalo Grove	<b>July</b> 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 21 Annual Picnic - Timmermann's Ranch, Island Lake	<b>August</b> 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting
<b>September</b> 12 Board Meeting 15-20 Eastern National Meet, Clayton NY 17 Member Meeting 27-29 Lake Geneva Poker Rally	<b>October</b> 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting	<b>November</b> 7 Board Meeting 9 Veterans Day Lunch, Location TBD <b>12 Member Meeting</b>	<b>December</b> No Meetings



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**GAIL LEICHT (6/1), THOMAS MYERS (6/4), JOHN SLOBODNIK (6/4),  
 BOB MILLER (6/5), DELICE SERRITELLA (6/7), JUDY BUSCAGLIA (6/10),  
 RON STECK (6/10), MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/19), BENNY TAYLOR (6/22),  
 SAM DIX (6/28), JOHN KRENGER (6/29), & ELAINE BRAUN (6/30)**

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO

**THOMAS & JUDY MYERS (6/8), DICK & LINDA LIVINGSTON (6/12),  
 LIN & PAT STACEY (6/14), RICK & MARISA CLAYBAUGH (6/15),  
 SAM & JANIS DIX (6/18), & RON & COLLEEN STECK (6/24)**

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



## Vehicles 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.**



### 1936 Ford 5 Window Coupe for Sale

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**Call Bob Miller at 847-651-7207 or by email at [roberthmiller2@comcast.net](mailto:roberthmiller2@comcast.net) for more info.**

### 1932 Ford Pickup for Sale (Photo on left)

Restored like new, 1936 V-8, Mitchell overdrive, fog lights, beige (light tan), red powder coated spoke wheels, new upholstery. **Asking \$33,000 or reasonable offer. Contact Fred Selensky, Oklahoma City, at 405-550-6503 or email [selenskyf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:selenskyf@sbcglobal.net).**

## Other Items For Sale

**36 LB Block Engine.** It has been completely rebuilt by Mike Yank of Speed Performance Engineering and Dyno Tested. It comes with a roll-around stand as well. I also have original cast iron heads and a cam that originally were in this block for sale. I also have a Generator and regulator set up by our Joe Serritella as well as other V-8 parts. **Contact Ray McMahon at 630-853-6832.**

Traffic signal; - sits on a standard with base, stands approximately 6'6" tall. 120 volts, cycles through red, yellow, green. Great garage display. \$600.00 **Contact Ron Dopke at 815-344-1335.**

1940-1948 Ford 16" wheels. Three new at \$60 each; two used at \$30 each. **Contact Ron Dopke at 815-344-1335.**

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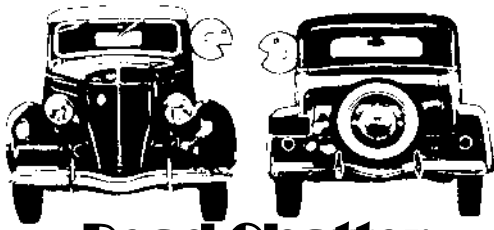


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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our Group at Argonne National Laboratory**  
**In Front of the New Aurora Exascale Supercomputer**