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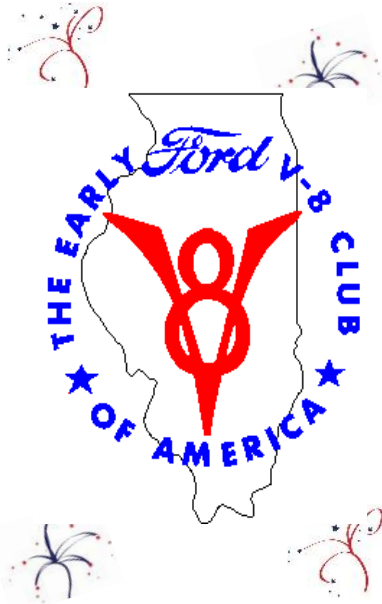
## UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

**July 9** Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

**July 21** Monthly Meeting, Wheeling Township Service Center, 7:30 pm.

**July 23** Happy Anniversary to Northern Illinois RG #8. Fifty-nine years and counting!

**July 25** Duals Night, Culver's, St. Charles. See page 3 for details.



## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

**July 4** Happy Birthday to the USA!

**July 9-11** 54th Annual Iola Car Show and Swap, Iola, WI. \$20 per day, or \$30 for all 3.

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**Back Cover** – Our group in Auburn at the St James restaurant. Photo courtesy of Steve Kronen.



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

With these longer, warmer days 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. We plan to have an interesting tech talk and maybe some infamous cookies.

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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**

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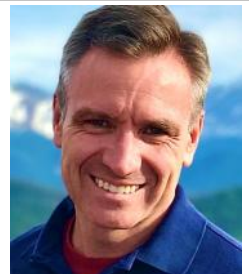
**FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

I hope you had a great June, and I wish everyone a very happy Fourth of July.

First, I would like to thank Vice President Jay Hinshaw for hosting the board and member meetings this month, as I was out on a family vacation. Next, I thank Ken Bounds for working with the Northern Ohio Regional Group to host our joint tour to attend the Flatheads Forever Reunion in Auburn, Indiana.

This, month please join us for our monthly membership meeting on July 21st, and for our Duals Night that Gary Osborne is hosting at Culver's in St. Charles on July 25th.

Below and on the next page are a few pictures from our trip to France and Barcelona. I look forward to seeing you at this month's events!



*Scott*



Reese and Cie at the Barcelona F1 Race



Scott & Nicole on the F1 track post race



Notre Dame



Notre Dame beautifully restored

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Duals Night at Culvers

Bring your car, bring your appetite, and bring your friends to a Duals Night on Saturday, July 25th. This time, it is at Culver's in St. Charles on North Ave, across from what used to be Pheasant Run. The 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. Modern iron is always welcome!



## MORE OF SCOTT'S PHOTOS



Ciena driving the Ford simulator at LeMans



Dinner and Vin in Carcassonne



Scott (in EFV8 t-shirt) and Nicole on the Mediterranean



Cie & Reese in Claude Monet's gardens

## Flatheads Forever Reunion – Auburn, Indiana

### By Ken Bounds

The Early Ford V-8 Foundation hosted a Flathead Reunion on Saturday, June 27. Any brand or year of vehicle was eligible to register as long as it had a flathead engine. Our friends from Northern Ohio Regional Group #20 invited us to join them there, so several of us did.

George & Dawn Zulas drove their '50 Ford Convertible, John & Este Scheve trailered their '37 Ford Standard Tudor, and Ken Bounds drove his '50 Ford Crestliner. Pat Stacey and her sister Mary also attended with posters advertising Pat and Lin's '42 Ford Sedan Coupe.

Participants from Northern Ohio included RG President Steve Kronen driving his '53 Ford Tudor with Ed Carr, Jack & Sharon Bukszar with their '51 Ford Tudor, Craig & Annette Gorris in their '53 Ford Convertible, Pat & Barb Rooney in their '52 Ford Convertible, Bruce & Marie Lewicki, Dan Francis, and Paul Samuels.

With Carolyn in Orlando for CookieCon (yes, that is a thing – a very big one) I was on my own and thrilled to be able to drive the Crestliner just one week after knee surgery. I left home early Friday morning and arrived 215 miles later at the hotel before noon. After lunch I went to the Foundation Museum, picked up my event materials and had a nice chat with several of the Foundation folks who were there. After a tour of the museum, I went back to the hotel parking lot, set up a chair, and waited for everyone to arrive.

As the members from our group and the Northern Ohio group pulled in, we just had a short time to begin catching up. We have a solid history of joint events and it was good to see everyone again.

Friday evening, we all met for a delicious dinner at the historic St. James restaurant in the little town of Avilla. After a vehicle charging seminar in the parking lot, we returned to the hotel for the night.

Saturday was the big event. We all made our way to the Foundation Museum on our own, registered, and placed our cars on the show field.



Pat Stacey (right) with her sister Mary



Members of NIRG #20 and NIRG #8 enjoying dinner at the historic St. James Restaurant

Several noticed that “Ken’s Rock,” which had attacked my Convertible two years ago, had been moved away a short distance from the parking lot. Somewhere between 45 and 60 vehicles were on display – estimates vary. As far as I know, all were Fords (Model Ts, As and Early V-8s) except for three: one Auburn, one Plymouth, and one Bantam Pickup.

It was a gorgeous day with plenty of time to enjoy all the cars, attend a seminar, or check out the museum. Most important was the fun of talking to so many people who were there from several states. Many were people we have met at National Meets; several talked to me about the fun they had at our Central Meet in Springfield last year and how they would like to see another! We made a few new friends and talked with others that we had known for decades. A great day!

After the event we gathered again for dinner at a local Italian restaurant. As we arrived, we ran into some of the Foundation folks who had just eaten there. They warned us to order the small-sized entrees as the portions were huge. They were right! We had an enjoyable meal with lots of good food and great conversation. Possibly a glass or two of wine.

After dinner we gathered again on the porch at the hotel. We had snacks, a little wine, and plenty of V-8 camaraderie. All too soon it was time to say our goodbyes. We went home our separate ways Sunday morning; I left early and was home before 11:00 am. The Crestliner ran great.

We thank Steve and all the NORG group for inviting us for the weekend and the folks and all the participants at the Foundation Museum for a fun event.



**Ken's Rock was no match for the Crestliner**



**The Zulas' 1950 Convertible - it's for sale!**



**Fun on the porch at the hotel**



**A 1936 Auburn graced the event**

**JUNE 16 MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Gary Osborne

The weather was nice that evening so we stayed a little longer looking at a few Early V-8s outside. Scott Gilday was out of town, which led to Ken Bounds leading the meeting while Jay Hinshaw sold raffle tickets. The meeting was a little sparse with only 10 members in attendance.

**Membership Report**

Ken Bounds reported that we currently have 56 members in the club.

**National Club Report**

Ken Bounds reported that there are two national driving tours this year: Peaks and Prairies in Montana/Wyoming, August 2-7. Amish Country in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, August 24-28.

A 2027 Eastern National Meet has been approved for June 20-27, 2027, at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites in Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ron Blum gave this report: revenues of \$61 from dues, and the 50/50 raffle, expenses of \$25 for the Road Chatter.

**Health and Welfare Report**

Dawn Zulas reported: a thank you note from the Ron Dopke family was received. Cards were signed for Edna Osborne and John Scheve. Ron Steck is recovering from knee surgery and Ken Bounds will have knee surgery this coming Friday. John Scheve had a procedure done on his neck. There was also some group discussion about the "memory bricks" at the Foundation for several members that have passed.

**Upcoming Events**

- June 26-27 - Joint tour with the Northern Ohio Group to attend the Flatheads Forever Reunion in Auburn, Indiana
- July 25 - Duals Night at Culvers in St. Charles
- August 2 - Annual Picnic at Timmermans Ranch
- September 25-27 - Lake Geneva Poker Rally

**Additional Items**

We took a break to enjoy some of Carolyn Bounds' cookies. Then Ken Bounds presented a Tech Talk on using a pressure bleeder to bleed brakes out. He stressed that this is a tool that everyone should have when doing brakes. It makes it much easier!

Then the 50/50 Raffle was played and Mike Heatherly was able to take home the \$21.

**Attendance**

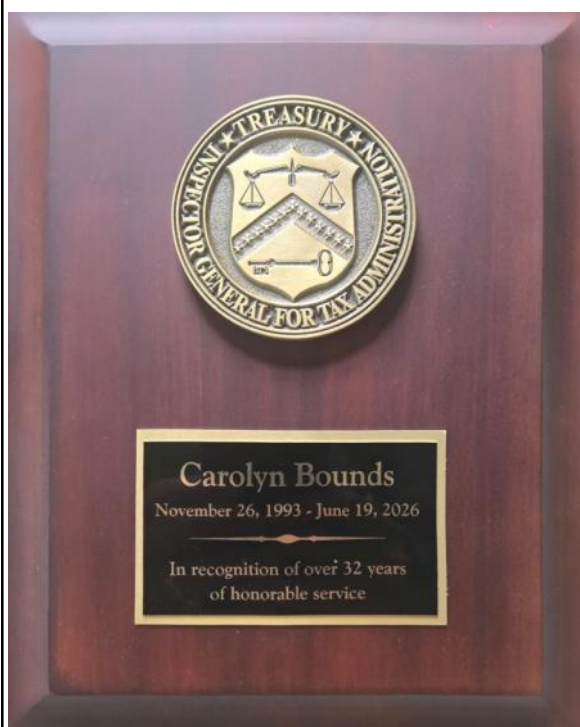
Ron Blum, Ken Bounds, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Rusty Medlin, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Nick Pruc, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.



## FROM THE EDITORS

Ken &amp; Carolyn Bounds

June was a significant month at the Bounds home. Pardon us for a few personal stories. After more than 32 years with the U.S. Treasury Department, Carolyn took her last early-morning train ride to downtown Chicago on June 18th for her final day of work. She is officially retired! Now she can devote more time to her latest passion – making and decorating cookies. Great timing too – she attended one of her favorite events, the huge CookieCon convention in Orlando the following week. There she got to network with fellow cookiers, learn some new techniques, and check out the latest equipment.



Congratulations to Carolyn!

But Carolyn had one more task before flying to Orlando. On June 19th she drove Ken to a surgery center for knee surgery. He had torn his meniscus back in November. The left knee swelled up like a cantaloupe on our December Hawaii trip. A cortisone shot made the knee tolerable, but now it was time for surgery. Knowing that Carolyn would be out of town and the Flatheads Forever Reunion was only a week away, Ken was very concerned about attendance, much less driving a 75-year-old car nearly 500 miles.

The knee surgery went remarkably well (we have color photos inside the knee to prove it – yuck) and we were home by mid-morning the 19th. Although we were provided crutches, Ken never used them. He was standing the first day and Carolyn removed the bandages the next morning. Ken was walking without assistance Saturday and doing stairs Sunday. Monday, he drove a modern car (two days ahead of schedule), so he took a spin in the Crestliner. Driving presented no problems at all, even with heavy braking by the repaired knee. A follow-up visit with the Physician's Assistant Thursday determined he was good to go.

Driving the Crestliner to Auburn was no problem. The walking and standing were fine too. Ken had a great time. He has completed his first three physical therapy sessions and is doing his home PT. As good as new? Close.

Carolyn is back from Orlando with no cat to wake us up at 4:30 am, no alarms, no trains to catch. She has been happily working in her recently completed "cookie lair" in the cool basement. Plans are for making cookies, travel, and just doing things we want to.

Thanks this month to Scott for sending us many pictures from the family visit to Paris, Barcelona, and more. Looks like you had a wonderful trip. Thanks again to Steve Kronen for the suggestion that our groups meet together for the Flathead Reunion and to the NIRG members who were able to attend. It was really special that Pat Stacey was able to be there with us. Have a great holiday weekend!

*Ken & Carolyn*



### 10 Years Ago This Month – July 2016

On a beautiful July 16 evening, Ron & Arlene Blum once again hosted a perennial favorite - A Night at the Races. This year, the enthusiastic crowd of 25 NIRG members and family we were treated to a great buffet and harness racing at Hawthorne Race Course in Cicero. On July 16, Ken Bounds and Ron Steck showed their Early V-8s at a car show to support the USO at River View Ford in Oswego.

### 20 Years Ago This Month – July 2006

On July 9-15, eleven NIRG members drove five Early V-8s on a tour to the 2006 Eastern National Meet in Batavia, New York. They came home with four 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies, a Rouge Medallion, and many stories to tell, including a complete washout of concourse day and another deluge on the trip home. On July 23, about 40 NIRG members plus family and guests and a large group of Early V-8s attended the annual picnic hosted by Don & Elaine Braun.

### 30 Years Ago This Month – July 1996

On the weekend of July 19-21, a large group of 34 members and spouses driving ten Early V-8s plus other classic vehicles toured to Door County, Wisconsin. Everyone had a great time on the tour, hosted by Joey & Nancy Novak. They particularly enjoyed the tour of Chuck Davis' museum on Washington Island. The July 28 annual picnic, hosted by Ralph and April Morey on the Fox River, was well attended even though mother nature decided to provide her own form of liquid entertainment.

### 40 Years Ago This Month – July 1986

The big event was finally here. From July 17-20, the NIRG hosted its first Central National Meet at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. The meet was a huge success thanks to the largest attendance to date of a Central Meet and the support of many club members. It would be talked about for years to come. The July Road Chatter contained a feature story on Joe Kozmic's 1937 Coupe as well as a replica of the first club newsletter issued in February 1969.

### 50 Years Ago This Month – July 1976

Chuck and Diane Wrobel hosted a well-attended tour of Volo and the Wauconda area July 25. Around 60 V-8 members, family, and friends in over 20 Early V-8s and a few modern cars enjoyed a full day of driving, museums, orchards, collections, and all-around fun.

### Flathead Flashback

**Trophy winners at the 2006 Eastern National Meet in Batavia, New York.**



## NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

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| <b>May</b><br>2 Tour to United Remanufacturing, Schiller Park<br>14 Board Meeting<br>16 Duals Night, Culvers, Buffalo Grove<br>19 Member Meeting | <b>June</b><br>11 Board Meeting<br>16 Member Meeting<br>27 Flathead Reunion, Auburn, Indiana | <b>July</b><br>9 Board Meeting<br>21 Member Meeting<br>25 Duals Night, Culvers, St. Charles | <b>August</b><br>2 Annual Picnic<br>13 Board Meeting<br>18 Member Meeting |
| <b>September</b><br>10 Board Meeting<br>15 Member Meeting<br>26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally                                                       | <b>October</b><br>8 Board Meeting<br>20 Member Meeting                                       | <b>November</b><br>12 Board Meeting<br>17 Member Meeting                                    | <b>December</b><br>No Meetings                                            |



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**RICK CLAYBAUGH (7/2), RUSTY MEDLIN (7/12),**  
**JORDON BELLER (7/13), RHONDA MILLER (7/18),**  
**TONY MIRELES (7/19), & PAT MARONEY (7/21),**

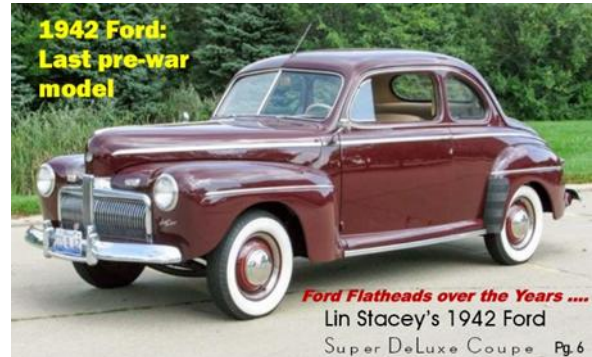
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO**  
**RON & LAURIE VLASIC (7/4), RICH & MARY ANDERSON (7/29), & BOB &**  
**ELAINE JANS (7/31)**



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



## Vehicles For Sale



### 1942 Ford Sedan Coupe Model 72B

Two Door, 5 Window, Moselle Maroon Color Dearborn Award Winner, Dearborn Medallion, & Dearborn Emeritus

**Only 6,300 miles!**

Rebuilt by Lin Stacey, V-8 Technical Advisor for 28 years

**Asking \$28,000** (car is in Illinois)

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## Other Items For Sale

**1928-1953 V8 Tools:** Entire inventory of Lin Stacey's "Old Ford Tools" business. Over 2,500 tools for meet display. Approximately 800 are restored. Contact Pat Stacey for details and pricing of this collection. 630-308-6081 [phstacey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phstacey@sbcglobal.net)

Pressure pot for sandblaster, Wood stove - not pot belly. **Call George Zulas at 630-362-4120.**

**Engine stand** with V-8 adapter from Red's Headers - pick up only - **Contact Tom O'Donnell at 847-991-6976.**

The following items are offered by **Roger Obecny, 708-772-1926** for price shown or best offer: **1940 Ford Radiator** \$400 re-core about 6 years old modern style radiator cap \$200, **1940 Ford Fender Skirts** Nice Shape \$350, **1940 Ford Rear Gravel Deflector** \$215 new \$ 175, **three 1939 Ford 3-speed** transmissions - one needs rebuild, one is broke, one is used condition unknown - \$200 each, **spring spreader** for transverse springs \$125.

**The Items Below are Offered by Ray McMahon 630-853-6832:**

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.**



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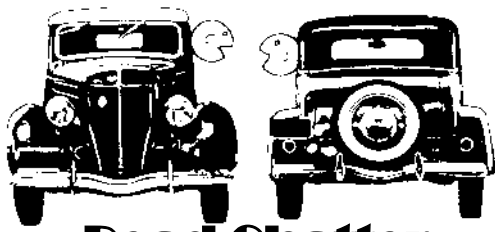
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### **Wanted**

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

Wanted: 47 Ford Coupe interior door handles, 47 Ford front bumper brackets. Radio delete cover, 1941 Ford. **Contact Mike Heatherly at 630-234-5384 or email at [mikehy@raecorents.com](mailto:mikehy@raecorents.com)**



## **Road Chatter**

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**Photo of the Month**  
**Our Group at the St James Restaurant**  
**On the tour to the Flatheads Forever Reunion**