

ROAD CHATTER

Early Ford V-8 Club - Northern Illinois Regional Group #8

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UPCOMING NIRG EVENTS

March 12 - Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom 7:30 pm.

March 17 - Annual Pizza Meeting, Pay Joey's, 6:30 pm. See page 3.



March 1 - MARC Winter Parts Swap, Friendly Ford, Roselle.

March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins - remember to turn your clocks forward.

March 15 - 29th Annual All Sports Car Meet, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton. 8 am - 2 pm, \$7.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy something green.

March 20 - Spring begins at 9:46 am CDT! Time to dust off those Early V-8's!

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Page 2 – We welcome a new member.

Page 3 – Este Scheve has arranged for our annual pizza meeting at Pay Joey's in Batavia. See details here and let Este know if you plan to attend.

Page 4 – Dawn Zulas hosted our annual Valentine's Luncheon on February 7 - see story and photos here.

Page 6 – Minutes of our February 17 monthly meeting.

Page 7 – A few words from your editors.

Page 8 – Rearview Mirror – information about club events over the past 50 years, plus a Flathead Flashback.

Page 9 – Remember to review the Events Calendar each month; also, see who has a birthday or anniversary this month.

Page 10, 11 – Check out the for sale and wanted ads.

Back Cover – Part of our Group Enjoying the Valentine's Luncheon.

Note: We plan to have the 2026 Rosters available at the March Pizza Meeting.



Attention Members

Do not show up at the regular meeting place this month – no one will be there! Instead, bring the family and friends on March 17 to Pal Joey's in Batavia – see Page 3 for details.

2026 OFFICERS**President**

Scott Gilday

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Jay Hinshaw

Secretary

Gary Osborne

Treasurer

Ron Blum

Membership Chairman

Ken Bounds

Health & Welfare

Dawn Zulas

Newsletter

Ken and Carolyn Bounds

Tour Chairman

Open

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Ken Bounds

Ciena Gilday

Mike Heatherly

Rusty Medlin

Este Scheve

George Zulas

MEETINGS

7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Wheeling Township Service Center, 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Hello V-8ers,

Welcome to March and Happy St. Patrick's Day. The temperatures are slowly starting to rise, so get those winter V-8 projects wrapped up so you're ready to get out on the road.

Please note that this month's member meeting will be the Pizza Meeting at Pal Joey's in Batavia on March 17th (details inside), so please do not go to our normal Wheeling Township Service Center location in Arlington Heights.

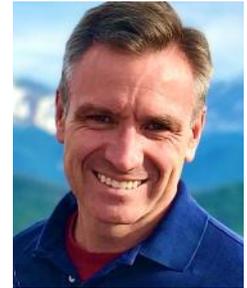
I'd like to thank Dawn Zulas for again organizing our February Valentine's Day luncheon. We had twenty people at Makray's Oak Terrace restaurant in Barrington and we had a wonderful time.

During last month's Tech Talk, Gary Osbourne did a highly informative presentation on how to use his no-torch Bolt Buster to get those frozen bolts out. I was amazed at what that tool could do and was surprised I had never heard of it!

We're planning several really cool activities for the rest of the year. In addition to some of our regular activities such as Eggs and Eights, Duals Night, our annual picnic, and the Poker Rally, we're planning some exciting new tours, so please keep an eye on the Road Chatter for upcoming events so you don't miss anything.

If you would like to get more involved in the club or have any questions or thoughts you'd like to share, feel free to catch me at a meeting, email me at sergilday@msn.com, or call/text me at 312-953-6855.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming activities.


Welcome New Member

The Northern Illinois Regional Group extends a warm welcome to Nick Pruc & Elizabeth Kline of Des Plaines. Nick joined both the National club and our regional group in January. (Sorry we missed getting this in last month's newsletter, Nick).

Nick has a 1941 Ford Tudor Sedan along with a 1950 Chevy 3600 Pickup. We hope to see Nick and his vehicles at many upcoming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PIZZA MEETING

March 17, 2026

Pal Joey's

31 N. River Street, Batavia

Parking on the street or free public parking lot next door.

All you can eat pizza and all you can drink
regular and diet pop

\$12 per person

Cash bar will also be available

6:30pm

Family and Friends Welcome!



Pal Joey's
Restaurant & Bar

We need a firm head count by March 14. Call Este @ 630.420.0029

Valentine's Luncheon

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Valentine's Luncheon on February 7th at Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. Twenty members, family, and guests had a choice of entrees from a special menu. We had a nice time and everyone had a chance to catch up.

It was nice to have in attendance Dick & Linda Livingston all the way from Springfield (via Lake Geneva) and daughter Sarah from Delavan, Wisconsin. Also in attendance were our hosts Dawn & George Zulas, President Scott Gilday, Ron & Arlene Blum with their friend Audrey Rohlinger, Ken & Carolyn Bounds, Mike Heatherly, Pat & Dee Maroney, Rusty & Melanie Medlin, Dan & Diane Pudelek, and Gary & Dawn Osborne.

Thank you to Dawn Zulas for setting up the event and to everyone who made this luncheon a success.



Dawn & George



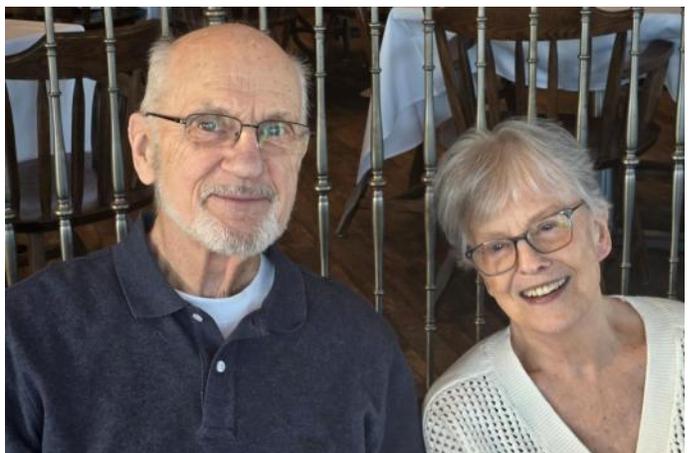
Scott



Ron, Arlene, and Audrey



Melanie & Rusty



Dan & Diane



Sarah



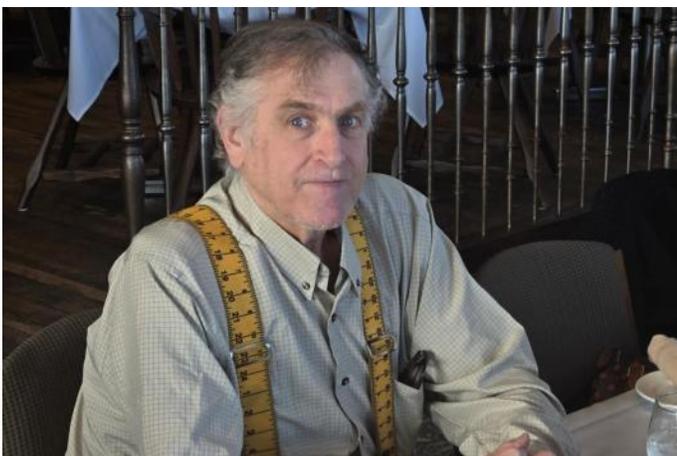
Linda & Dick



Dee & Pat



Gary & Dawn



Mike



Ken & Carolyn



FEBRUARY 17 MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Gary Osborne

President Scott Gilday opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all in attendance. He proceeded right into the business portion of the meeting.

Membership Report

There are currently 55 members with 51 that have paid their renewal. If you are one of the four that have not paid yet, please send your renewal to Ken Bounds A.S.A.P.

**National Club Report**

No National Meet scheduled, but National President Dave Gunnarson is still trying to get one put together in Pennsylvania.

Treasurer's Report

Ron Blum gave the following report: revenues of \$1095 for dues, events, 50/50 raffle. There were expenses of \$1547.32 for Road Chatter, ZOOM, events, and room rent.

Health and Welfare Report

A Get Well card was sent to Rhonda Miller signed by the members. Ron Dopke is doing OK.

Previous Events

Dawn Zulas reported that the Valentine's Brunch at Makray Golf Club was a success. There were 20 people in attendance, and everyone had a great time.

Upcoming Events

- March 17 - Pizza Meeting - 6:30pm at Pal Joey's in Batavia
- April 11 - Eggs and Eights - 9:30am at Mr. A's in Roselle
- April 25 - Van Bruggen Signs Tour - 9:15am
- May 2 - Tour to United Remanufacturing in Schiller Park - 9:00am
- May 16 - Duals Night at Culvers in Buffalo Grove - 5:00pm
- June 20 - Route 66 Tour
- July 25 - Duals Night in St. Charles - 5:00pm

Additional Items

Before the Tech Talk there was a short break to enjoy some donuts brought by Jay Hinshaw. Then there was a presentation by Gary Osborne on how to use a Bolt Buster Tool. This is a heat induction tool that is used to remove rusted bolts without the use of a torch. There is no flame involved which of course could be prohibitive in certain areas.

The last item for the evening was the 50/50 raffle; Mike Heatherly was the lucky winner of \$13.

Attendance

Ron Blum, Scott Gilday, Mike Heatherly, Jay Hinshaw, Tom O'Donnell, Gary Osborne, Nick Pruc, John Scheve, Este Scheve, George Zulas, and Dawn Zulas.

FROM THE EDITORS**Ken & Carolyn Bounds**

We just arrived home Saturday from a wonderful trip to Maui and apologize for the Road Chatter being a little late. We hope some members were able to attend the MARC swap meet at Randy Yockey's Friendly Ford Saturday.



Our trip was very nice and a great way to escape the winter weather for a couple of weeks, although we missed a pretty nice week here last week. It was also a great way for Carolyn to escape work, maybe for the last time. She just may be making a career change before our next trip.

We like going to Maui in February to see the whales. We saw dozens of them, but don't say "we saw tons of them" since each humpback whale can weigh up to about 88,000 pounds! Just sitting on our pool deck we can watch them swimming, playing, and breaching all day. We also saw many Maui friends, one of our favorite musicians, and lots of resort cats. One of the cats even has his own Facebook page, Sunny the Cat. A special treat was that a former co-worker of ours for over 30 years spent the two weeks with us. We all attended a really nice luau (our first in many years) and went on a great whale watch.

It was uplifting to see so many homes being rebuilt after the devastating August 2023 fires that virtually destroyed Lahaina. We also had a rare treat of a closeup walk past the world-famous Banyan tree that largely survived the fire after sustaining serious damage.

Then we came back to reality. We thank Dawn Zulas for setting up the Valentine's Luncheon which everyone really enjoyed. We are looking forward to the Pizza Meeting this month (thanks Este) and to more upcoming events. The Board has been working hard to keep the club busy this year! Personally, I'm excited to get all the cars out for some cruising - it looks like most of the road salt has been washed away. With some unusually decent weather I was able to take all three cars out for spins in December and January. Also looking forward to several projects in the garage.

Ken & Carolyn



Gorgeous sunset over island of Lānaʻi



Remarkably resilient Banyan Tree



10 Years Ago This Month – March 2016

On March 5 Charles Kaiser hosted his annual Turner Pioneers corned beef luncheon to at Café Prague in Chicago. Eleven members and family were present. On March 15, 44 members, family, and friends gathered to enjoy the annual pizza meeting, hosted by Ron & Arlene Blum at Lou Malnati's Pizza in Buffalo Grove. Jay Hinshaw attended - his first club event.

20 Years Ago This Month – March 2006

The March Road Chatter contained an article by Stan Stack about his very original 1953 Ford which he acquired from the original owner, his Great Aunt. At the March 21 monthly meeting, Membership Chairman Ken Bounds welcomed new member Joe Serritella to the club, bringing the membership total to 77.

30 Years Ago This Month – March 1996

The annual Pizza Meeting was held March 19 at John's Pizza with 39 members in attendance. On March 24, 35 members and family participated in a "North Shore Tour" hosted by Tom & Madeleine O'Donnell. The tour included a drive past many beautiful areas and homes, stops at Memory Lane Motors, the Chicago Car Exchange, and the Jean Butz James Museum, and lunch at Lamb's Farm.

40 Years Ago This Month – March 1986

The March Road Chatter contained a letter from national director Charles Seims, advising that the Road Chatter had won 5th place in the 1985 newsletter competition. Meet Chairman Marty Duling included a detailed update on the Central National Meet, now only 4 months away. The Road Chatter featured an article from Len Vinyard about his '39 Convertible. A Ladies Night Out planned for March 22 had to be cancelled due to lack of signups.

50 Years Ago This Month – March 1976

At the March 9 monthly meeting, Ray Tognarelli discussed the possibility of creating t-shirts with the group logo. "Colonel" Ray also conducted the first NIRG auction at the meeting, netting over \$72 for the club. Jack Groot presented a demonstration on woodgraining. On March 20, Tom & June Young hosted a swim party followed by a pizza party at Jake's Pizza in Arlington Heights. About 30 adults and 15 youngsters participated.

Flathead Flashback

Scott and Ciena Gilday address the group at the Pizza Meeting, March 15, 2016.



NIRG EVENTS CALENDAR

<p>January 8 Board Meeting 17 Installation Dinner, Coopers Corner, Winfield 20 Member Meeting</p>	<p>February 7 Valentine's Luncheon, Makray Golf Club, Barrington. 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>March 12 Board Meeting 17 Pizza Meeting, Pal Joey's, Batavia.</p>	<p>April 9 Board Meeting 11 Eggs & Eights, Mr. A's, Roselle 21 Member Meeting 25 Van Bruggen Signs Tour</p>
<p>May 2 Tour to United Remanufacturing, Schiller Park 14 Board Meeting 16 Duals Night, Culvers, Buffalo Grove 19 Member Meeting</p>	<p>June 11 Board Meeting 16 Member Meeting 20 Drive Your V-8 Day, Route 66 Tour</p>	<p>July 9 Board Meeting 21 Member Meeting 25 Duals Night, Culvers, St. Charles</p>	<p>August 13 Board Meeting 18 Member Meeting</p>
<p>September 10 Board Meeting 15 Member Meeting 26-28 Lake Geneva Poker Rally</p>	<p>October 8 Board Meeting 20 Member Meeting</p>	<p>November 12 Board Meeting 17 Member Meeting</p>	<p>December No Meetings</p>



The late Charlie Kaiser celebrating St. Partick's Day 2016

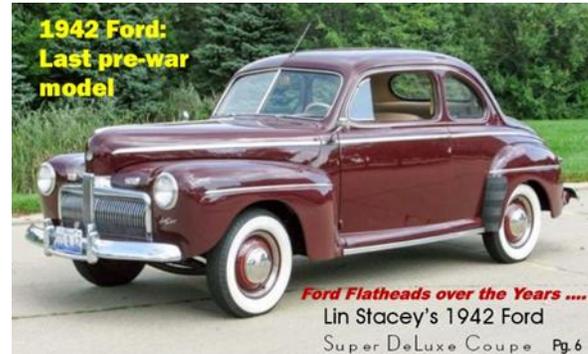
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

**PATTI MURPHY (3/16), NICOLE GILDAY (3/20),
 LAURIE VLASIC (3/22) & JUDY BELLER (3/28)**

**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)

Email: phstacey@sbcglobal.net Phone: 630-308-6081

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

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

Pressure pot for sandblaster, no holes. Wood stove - not pot belly. **Contact George Zulas at 630-362-4120.**

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.

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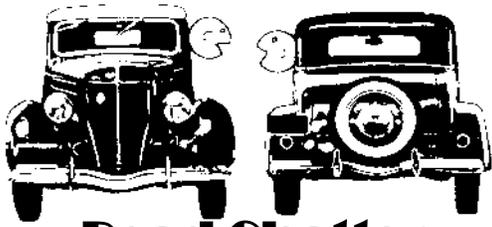
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Sales & Service: (630) 924-8686

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. Radio delete cover, 1941 Ford. **Contact Mike Heatherly at 630-234-5384.**



Road Chatter

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Photo of the Month
Part of our Group Enjoying the Valentine's Luncheon