

**April 1, 2014**

**CVSR Brunch/Party** The annual club Dinner/Party/Meeting (which has changed its name to Brunch) was a great success! It was held on Saturday March 22 at 158 Main Street in Jeffersonville. There were 29 members with spouses and relatives in attendance which is a pretty good number for this event. There was plenty to eat and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, camaraderie and “bench racing”. A number of awards were given out:



***Bright Idea Award:*** Bob B. to Matt for his idea that he run for President of the club for the upcoming year.

***Builder’s Award:*** from Matt to Bob B. for his excellent job of rebuilding a pickup truck for his grandson.

***Bright Idea Plaque:*** Art to Matt. “Matt steps up to the plate”.

***Paper Plate Awards:***

- Larry to Don: The “I Nailed It” Award
- Larry to Don: The “Ruff” Award
- Art to George: The “Real Tour Guide” Award
- Art to Harold: The “Map to Brian’s” Award
- Art to Bob L: The “Angel Gets Its Wings” Award
- Art to Matt: The “Why Not Me” Award
- Art to Dave: The “Hangin’ In There” Award



**April Meeting** This is the month we usually start having meetings twice a month at members’ homes but with the winter weather still hanging around and few members volunteering their homes for meetings we decided at the Brunch to have just one meeting during the month of

April. We will go to **Dan Sargent's** on **Tuesday evening April 22**. This will be the one and only meeting in April.

**Need Meeting Places** We need places to meet for the two meetings each of both May and June so please be thinking about hosting a club meeting on one of those four dates. If we have no place to go then we have no meeting. It is difficult to organize our various events without meeting somewhere where we can talk things over and decide what to do.

**Art's Florida Trip Report** Marion and I recently visited Florida for twelve days and had a pretty good time. To keep this report "automotive"... we didn't see even one street rod (Pre'49) but saw lots of customs and other special interest cars. Tall shiny wheels seem to be very popular. Car bodies don't rot out down there like they do up here but the hot sun does a job on the paint. In West Palm Beach we toured the downtown area that featured upscale high priced stores and lots of high priced cars parked on the streets such as BMW, Mercedes, Lexus and Cadillac. Nice '63 Corvette and motorcycles at the Beach in Lake Worth. We stayed one night with Bob Latimer, former club member. We checked out his '49 Packard which he has done some work on lately and his '67 Cougar. Bob is President of the Sunshine Cougar Club so has lots of work to do in that capacity. We went to Clearwater Beach where a guy from Ontario spotted my NSRA tee shirt and asked if I had a car so we talked cars for a few minutes. He has a '28 Ford street rod at home. We went to the huge Tropicana Field baseball facility where we took in a major league baseball game. In the entryway to the complex was a stock '28 Model A Ford on display.




**Potential Visit** Gabe writes: I have seen the cars at Terry Magnan's farm. This is the fellow that Don Sullivan found and is a potential place for us to visit. He has a stunning collection of pristine muscle cars. Barracudas, Challengers, even a Camaro or two. Well over thirty! I wasn't able to see all of them and I'm looking forward to our visit. I'll let Don do the arrangements. He did mention though that it would be better to go after it has warmed up. You'll love it!

**We Made It!** Our article on Irene's '56 Chevy Pickup made it into StreetScene magazine! It is on page 16 of the March edition. (It was sent in to the magazine on Nov 22). I sent in a long version of the story as well as a short version so they could pick what fit better. They picked the short story with modifications. The story and the picture took up just a bit over half a page. So... many thanks to everyone involved who had a hand in the project. The club guys who worked so hard on the truck, Dan Nolin, Irene and the girls, Dale Lumbra the painter and our photographer Gary Bruening. It was a very satisfying project as well as a pleasure to get the story into the magazine.

**Champlain Valley Street Rodders Finish A '56 Chevy Pickup**

By Art Stultz



installed a '89 Chevy throttle body 305 engine and automatic transmission. Despite his failing health his work continued and with help from several friends he got the '56 roadworthy just before he passed away in February of 2010.

Shortly after Paul's death his wife Irene asked CVSR members if they would finish the truck in his memory. Eight club members volunteered their time and skills throughout the winter of 2011-12 to finish the many details of the '56. Over 390 man hours were performed at club member Art Stultz's shop completing mechanical work, such as installation of seatbelts, dome light, radio, bucket seats, coolant recovery tank, fan shroud, kickdown cable, floorshift boot, brakes, tires and carpeting as well as trimming up lots of loose wiring. "In Memory of Paul Daigle" was painted as a duplicate of his signature on the glovebox door. The truck was presented to Irene and her two daughters, Emily and Erin, in the spring. Since having it painted by Dale Lumbra of Town & Country Auto Body, Irene and the girls have enjoyed driving the truck at many cruises, in parades and showing it at car shows. Whenever they use it, they know they are keeping Paul's memory alive and he would be so proud of them. The '56 is part of the family. Thanks goes to the Champlain Valley Street Rodders in helping to create this great memorial to a husband and father—a man unique in so many ways.

**P**aul Daigle of Georgia, VT, joined the Champlain Valley Street Rodders (CVSR) in 2008. Diagnosed with Lymphoma in February of 2009, Paul remained very active with the club continuing to attend meetings and events and working at the Repair Shop at the Champlain Valley Exposition during the NSRA Northeast Street Rod Nationals Plus. CVSR sets up and operates the Repair Shop each September so show attendees can fix their cars should they need repair.

While driving his '60 Ford pickup to CVSR events, Paul was also building his special street rod, a '56 Chevy pickup. He put the body, originally from Idaho, onto an '82 C-10 frame and

16 MARCH 2014 [www.streetscene.com](http://www.streetscene.com)

[www.ChamplainValleyStreetRodders.com](http://www.ChamplainValleyStreetRodders.com)

336 Birchwood Drive

Colchester, VT 05446

Pres.: Matt FitzGerald 802-849-6596

Vice Pres.: Tim Sargent 802-635-6187

Secretary: Art Stultz 802-879-7283

Treasurer: Dan Sargent 802-527-2827

[info@ChamplainValleyStreetRodders.com](mailto:info@ChamplainValleyStreetRodders.com)