



August 1, 2013

Bear Ridge Racing Two cars with club members and others went over to Bear Ridge Speedway in Bradford on Saturday July 6. Club members Larry, Art, Harold, Stan and George plus several friends took in an evening of racing at the old time racing venue which has been in existence for over forty years. There was racing in lots of heats of several classes of race cars with plenty of hot action including quite a dramatic rollover on the old dirt track.

Middlebury A&W Cruise-In The turnout for the annual cruise-in to the A & W Root Beer stand in Middlebury was quite good this year. Stan, George, Larry and Sharon, Harold and Kookie, Gordon and Stephanie, Art and Marion, Marion's brother and his wife Louise, and the local car show DJ from our area Wayne Groth and his wife spent a couple of hours there on the night of July 16. The weather was very pleasant and we had several picnic tables to ourselves. Art and Marion showed off their new 2013 Ford Focus Hatchback and Gordon and Stephanie did the same with his newly acquired Chevy pickup truck.

RAVE Car Show Five of our guys went down to Rutland to the annual RAVE show on July 14. Harold and Stan, George, Larry and Sharon, Jan and Linda and former member Chet Hawkins first had breakfast at Rosie's Restaurant in Middlebury. This place has been a very popular spot for many of our meals along the way to or from an automotive event. There were quite a few cars there although the flea market wasn't too big.

Mazza's Muscle Night This annual event was once again very successful as the strip mall area at Mallett's Bay was packed with perhaps about 100 cars. There was music and MC work by Wayne Groth, lots of giveaways including a very nice bicycle. NSRA piggybacked onto the show with their Appreciation Day with the State Representative thanking members for their support of NSRA events and handing out Appreciation Day pins for applying to caps or shirts.

Rightcoast Syracuse Nationals Jan and Linda and Harold and Stan went to Syracuse for the weekend of July 19-20-21 to the very popular Syracuse Nationals. Harold had a bit of a problem on the way over as the power steering belt on his truck failed and they had quite a time finding a replacement. There were probably eight thousand cars there at the show which seems to be growing in popularity. If you watch the American Pickers on TV the two stars of the show were there. The "car corral" was pretty big.

Swanton Car Show I will now revert to first person singular for this one! Marion and I drove our '32 Ford and Jan and Linda took their '41 Buick up to Swanton this past Saturday July 27 where the Swanton Chamber of Commerce did a bang-up job of putting on their fourth annual car show. The weather was gorgeous with low temps and low humidity which no doubt helped to draw a village green full of almost 200 cars. Lots of them came from across the lake and others from here and there including Connecticut and Ontario. One of the features was the engine burn out contest. Entrants guessed how long it would take to burn out an engine in an old car which had the oil drained out of it beforehand. I entered my time of 24 minutes and 19 seconds but it appeared that I would lose out because as the engine was started I received word that last year's contest lasted a mere 30 seconds. Not so this year! The engine in the 2000 Taurus kept running and running! I had picked the greatest amount of time so when it reached that time they shut off the engine and I was announced as the winner! I also won a tool box (minus tools) in the silent auction. Thanks to a donation of a tool box from Don last fall I now have tool boxes for all three of my cars. There were lots of trophies given away for outstanding cars and trucks. Former CVSR members Brian Wood and Greg DuPrat won trophies. On the way home we stopped at Jim Ricker's place and looked over

the drag racer that we have been talking about lately. Quite the piece of machinery! Lots of nostalgia there with a combination of the old racer and some new modifications as well. Stan and George had been there for a visit as well earlier in the day.

August Events

Essex Automotive Services Wednesday Night Cruise-Ins. Wednesday evenings, 5:30-8:30. Sausage Shack is the food concession.

Sparetime Bowling Center Cruise-In. Near Costco in Colchester. Wednesday evenings, starting about 5. Sponsored by Vermont Custom Auto.

Bayview Eats Cruise-In Every Thursday evening in Colchester. 5 to 8 PM.

August 1-2-3-4 NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Louisville, KY.

August 3-4 Ticonderoga Antique and Classic Car Show

August 4 Cars of Yesteryear, Newport, VT

August 6 **CVSR Club Meeting** at Dan Sargent's in St.Albans

August 9-10-11 Stowe Antique and Classic Car Show

August 17 Cars and Coffee of Vermont, South Burlington High School

August 17 Milton Car Show

August 20 **CVSR Club Meeting** at Matt FitzGerald's in Fairfax

August 24 Last year's **Club Scavenger Run Trial** was this respective Saturday. Stay tuned for more on this year's plans for the trial run.

August 24 Vergennes Day Car Show, Vergennes, VT

Summer Meeting Locations

August 6 Dan Sargent's in St.Albans

August 20 Matt FitzGerald's in Fairfax



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